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ARPEGGIO OF BLUE STEEL

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Suddenly, a fleet of ships with mysterious superweapons called the "Fleet of Fog" appeared all around the world. Humanity didn't have the technology to fight such a fleet, so they were driven out of the sea.
Seventeen years after the battle, for some reason, Gunzou Chihaya and his crewmates aboard the I-401 and the personification (Mental Model) of the I-401, Iona, started fighting the Fleet of Fog..

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突然、世界各地に「霧の艦隊」と言われる謎の超兵器を搭載した戦艦が出現。人類はその艦隊になす術無く敗戦し、海上に出る事が出来なくなった…
その海戦から17年後、何故か「霧」の潜水艦I401に乗り込んだ千早群像とその仲間達は、I401の人体化(メンタルモデル)のイオナと共に、霧の艦隊に戦いを挑む…

●分散首都 東京

●分散首都 長崎

YOUNG KING COMICS
YKC"ARPEGGIO OF BLUE STEEL"
Ark Performance Presents!!
The torpedo is launched by the submarine
It is terrible destructive power.
Take care not to hit.

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ARPEGGIO OF BLUE STEEL Guide Line① [AD.199X~2038]

[1990s]
* The Russian Navy develops the "VA-111 Shkval" torpedo, which uses the "supercavitation effect". Deploys them

[1996~2006]
* During these ten years, the rate of loss of the West Antarctic Ice Sheet increases by 59%
Concerns over rising sea levels increase

[2007]
* The United States Department of Defense reveals the existence of an experimental vessel based on the "Underwater Express" plan that it had revealed in 2005. They announce that the expenmental vessel achieved a speed of 110 knots

[2012~]
* From this time on, sightings of "ghost ships" are reported around the world. They all state that the fog set in and they saw a battleship from World War II.
* Many country around the world start deploying high-precision, homing "supercavitation torpedoes". Since these torpedoes can exceed 250 knots, all of the ships made before them are made obsolete in one stroke. Every country is forced to rebuild their naval tactics from the ground up.
* Almost all normal torpedoes are replaced by "supercavitation torpedoes". Now with torpedoes that can exceed 300 knots, battles on sea are changed forever. The world enters an era of trial and error: ships are made extremely big, extremely small, and so on

[2038]
* The "ghost ships" that weren't discussed by anyone other than occult maniacs start appearing frequently close to shore around the world. Everyone starts debating about them.
* For trespassing on Russian waters, a Russian patrol fleet engages the "ghost ships". The Russian Navy is annihilated.
* International wanness about the "ghost ships" rise. Serious investigation into them by many countries results in nothing. The "ghost ships" start attacking the navies of world in December.

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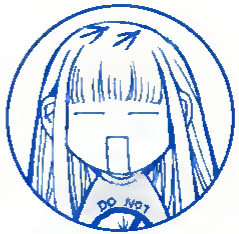

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CAN YOU STAND ON YOUR OWN?
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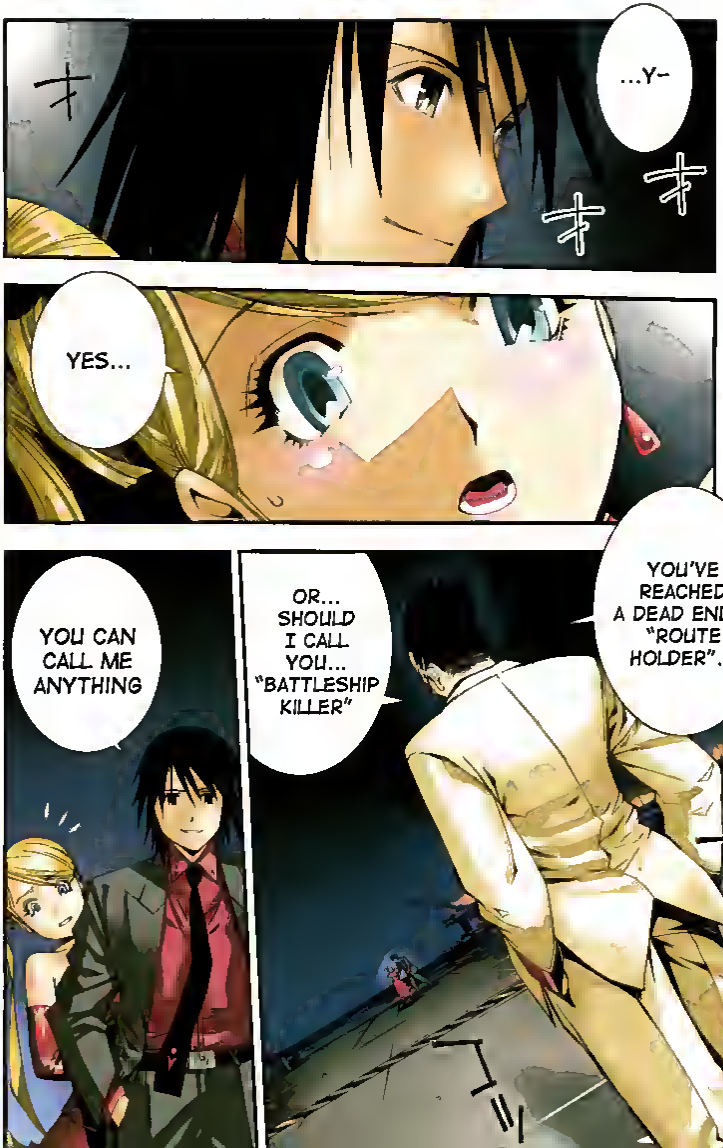
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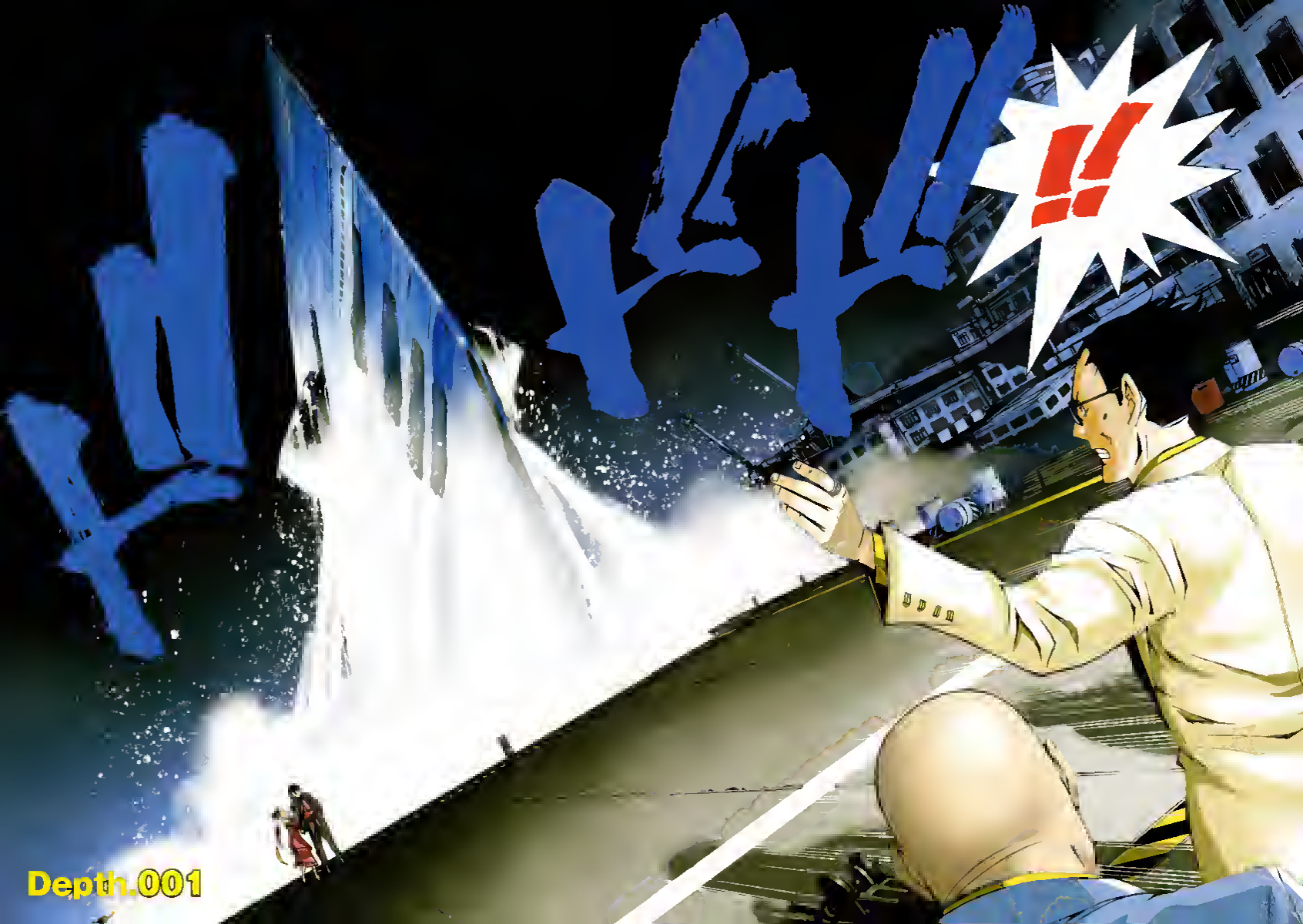
YES...
YOU'VE REACHED A DEAD END... "ROUTE HOLDER"...
OR... SHOULD I CALL YOU... "BATTLESHIP KILLER"
YOU CAN CALL ME ANYTHING

HOW ABOUT IT? WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US?
WE NEED THAT GIRL TO PERSUADE THE ASSEMBLYMAN, SO WE CAN'T LET YOU TAKE HER WITH YOU
CAN'T ESCAPE IF YOU CAN'T JUMP INTO THE OCEAN
WE HAVE THIS AREA LOCKED DOWN EVEN SOMEONE LIKE YOU
"BATTLESHIP KILLER"
IT'S TOO BAD...
HUH?
EXACTLY LIKE THIS ONE
I MET "HER" ON A NIGHT...



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WOAAAH
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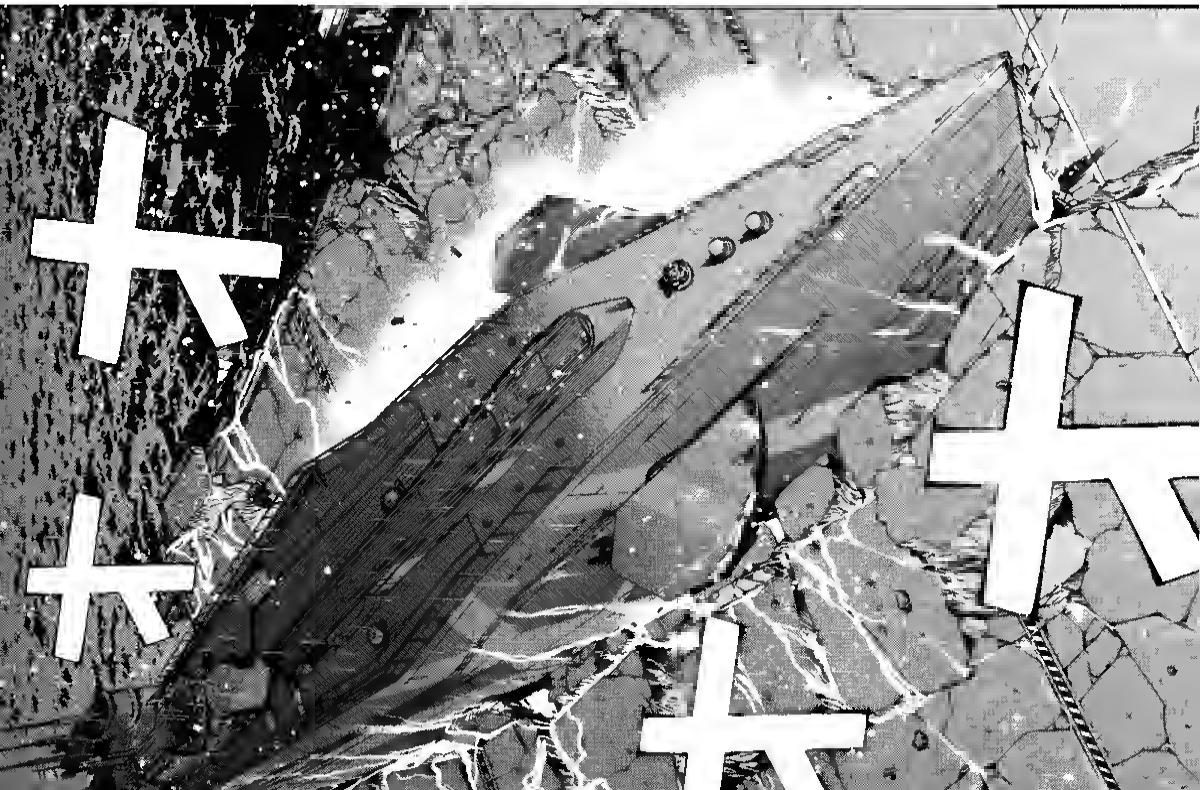
"BLUE STEEL"!!



WOAAAHH
WE LOOKED ALL OVER FOR YOU

SEEMS THAT WAY
IT'S A LONG STORY
SORRY
I CAN'T WAIT
ALL ABOUT IT LATER
I'LL TELL YOU
WE'VE STILL GOT ANOTHER JOB
LET'S GO
YEA

click
click
UWA WAH

...!
NOW, LET US DEPART
ACCORDING TO OUR AGREEMENT WITH YOUR FATHER,
WE WILL ESCORT YOU ALL THE WAY BACK HOME

JUST WHO...
ARE YOU?
BLUE STEEL

Kashima City, Saga Prefecture
Off of the coast of
the Space Center

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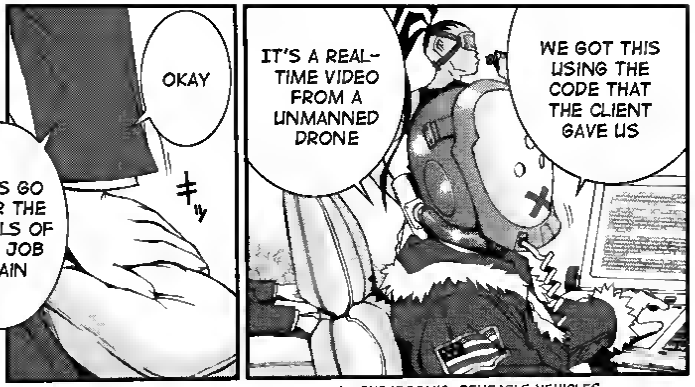
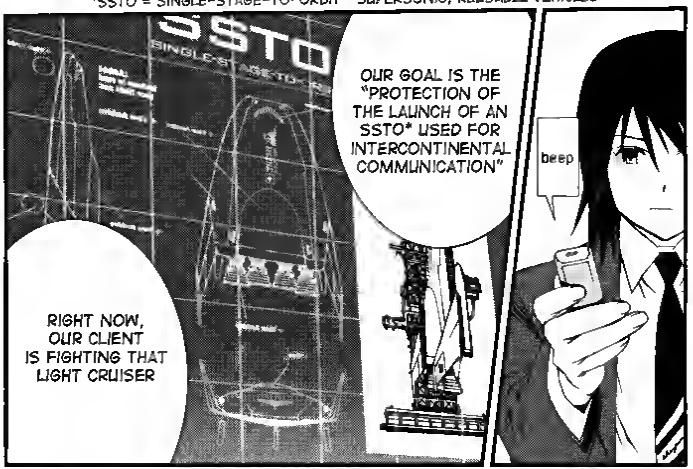
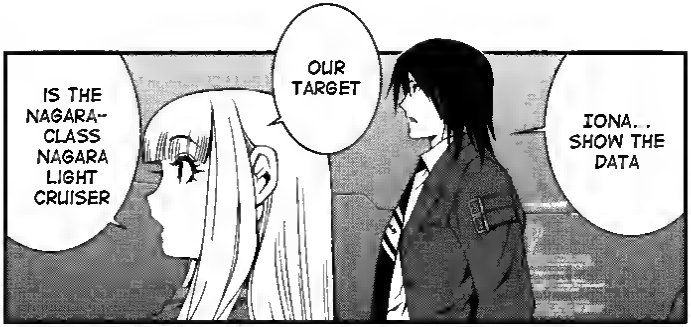
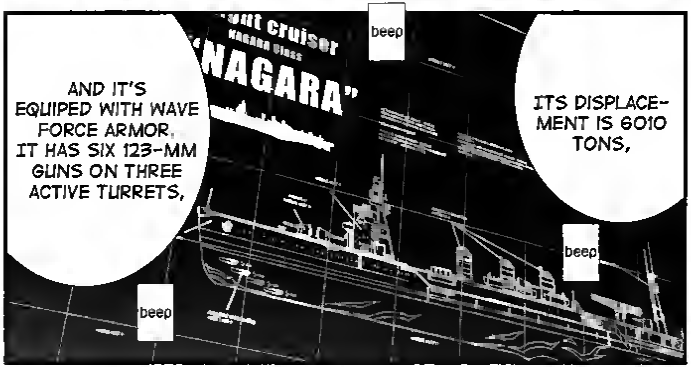
ISN'T THAT A CRUISER FROM THE "FLEET OF FOG"?
THERE SHE IS
CAMERA

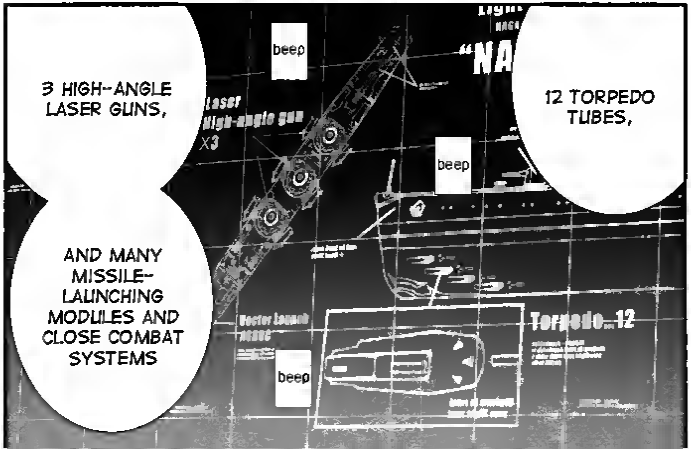

OKAY
LET'S GO OVER THE DETAILS OF THIS JOB AGAIN
IT'S A REAL-TIME VIDEO FROM A UNMANNED DRONE
WE GOT THIS USING THE CODE THAT THE CLIENT GAVE US

*SSTO = SINGLE-STAGE-TO-ORBIT SUPERSONIC, REUSABLE VEHICLES

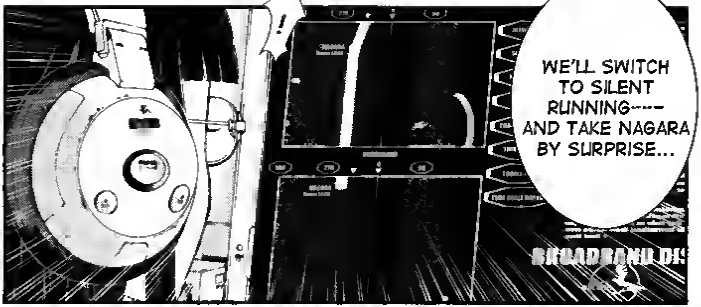

SSTO
OUR GOAL IS THE "PROTECTION OF THE LAUNCH OF AN SSTO* USED FOR INTERCONTINENTAL COMMUNICATION"
beep
RIGHT NOW, OUR CLIENT IS FIGHTING THAT LIGHT CRUISER


IS THE NAGARA-CLASS NAGARA LIGHT CRUISER
OUR TARGET
IONA.. SHOW THE DATA

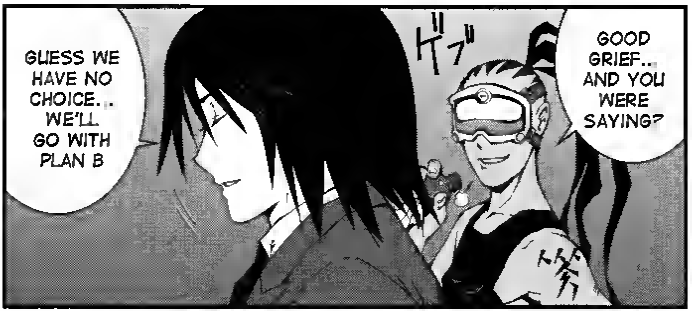

AND IT'S EQUIPED WITH WAVE FORCE ARMOR. IT HAS SIX 123-MM GUNS ON THREE ACTIVE TURRETS,
beep
beep
beep
ITS DISPLACE-MENT IS 6010 TONS,
beep


3 HIGH-ANGLE LASER GUNS,
beep
beep
12 TORPEDO TUBES,
AND MANY MISSILE-LAUNCHING MODULES AND CLOSE COMBAT SYSTEMS
beep
Torpedo...12

IT'S A STANDARD "FOG" LIGHT CRUISER
ITS TOP SPEED IS 60 KNOTS. IT CANNOT DIVE UNDERWATER
NAGARA STILL HASN'T NOTICED US YET
WE'RE CURRENTLY MOVING AT 10 KNOTS TOWARDS THE INTERCEPTION POINT
WHAT ARE YOUR ORDERS, CAPTAIN?
DOESN'T SEEM LIKE IT'LL BE A PIECE OF CAKE
SOON, HIGH TIDE WILL COME TO THESE WATERS
THE CURRENT WILL MOVE IN OUR DIRECTION


WE'LL SWITCH TO SILENT RUNNING---- AND TAKE NAGARA BY SURPRISE...

SHE MIGHT HAVE NOTICED US
NAGARA IS TURNING TO BEARING 212


GUESS WE HAVE NO CHOICE.. WE'LL GO WITH PLAN B
GOOD GRIEF.. AND YOU WERE SAYING?

PLAN B?
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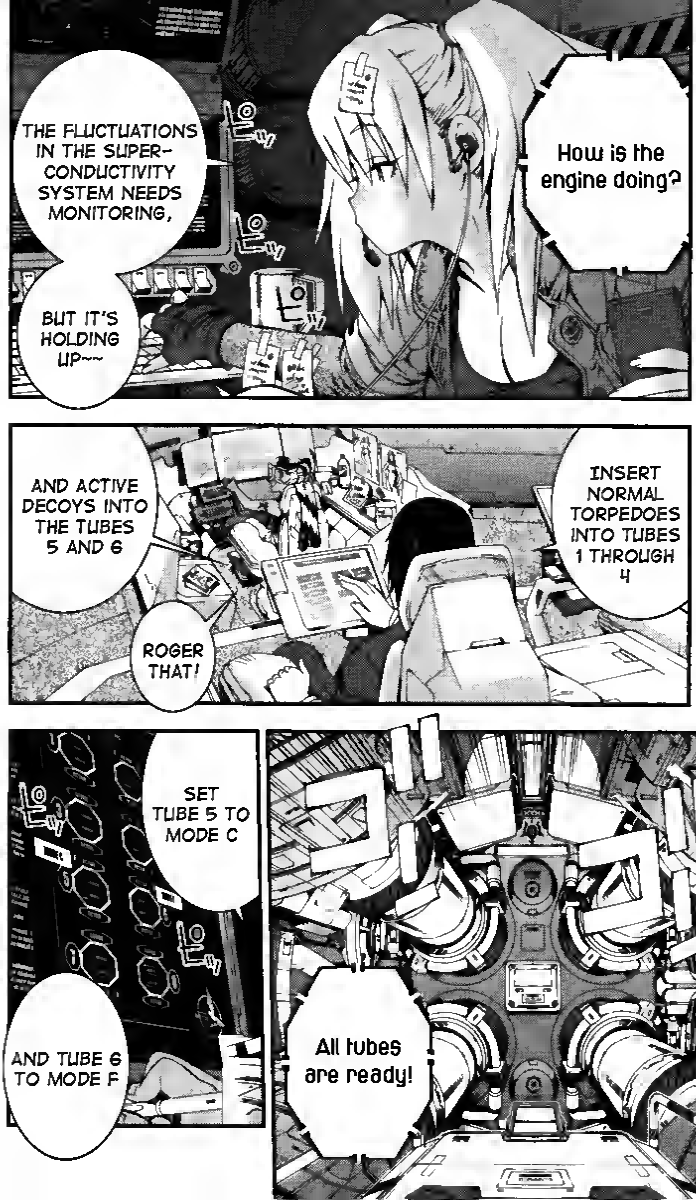
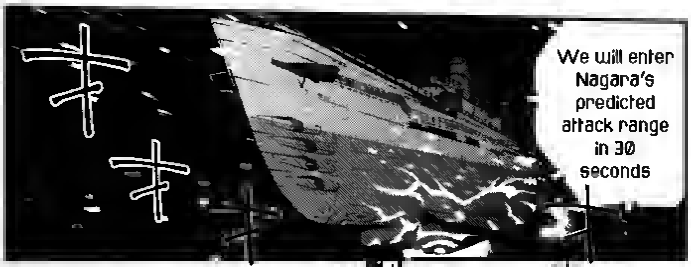
WE'LL TAKE HER HEAD-ON
THAT'S
MORE LIKE OUR STYLE!
LET'S GO!
FULL SPEED AHEAD!


How is the engine doing?
THE FLUCTUATIONS IN THE SUPER-CONDUCTIVITY SYSTEM NEEDS MONITORING,
BUT IT'S HOLDING UP~~
INSERT NORMAL TORPEDOES INTO TUBES 1 THROUGH 4
AND ACTIVE DECOYS INTO THE TUBES 5 AND 6
ROGER THAT!
SET TUBE 5 TO MODE C
AND TUBE 6 TO MODE F
All tubes are ready!

NAGARA IS GAINING SPEED
IT'S COMING RIGHT TOWARDS US
SETUP COMPLETE!


We will enter Nagara's predicted attack range in 30 seconds

VLA ROCKETS ARE SAILING TOWARDS US
SOMETHING HIT THE WATER... I HEARD 12 OF THEM

TUBES NUMBER 5 AND 6
FIRE THE DECOYS
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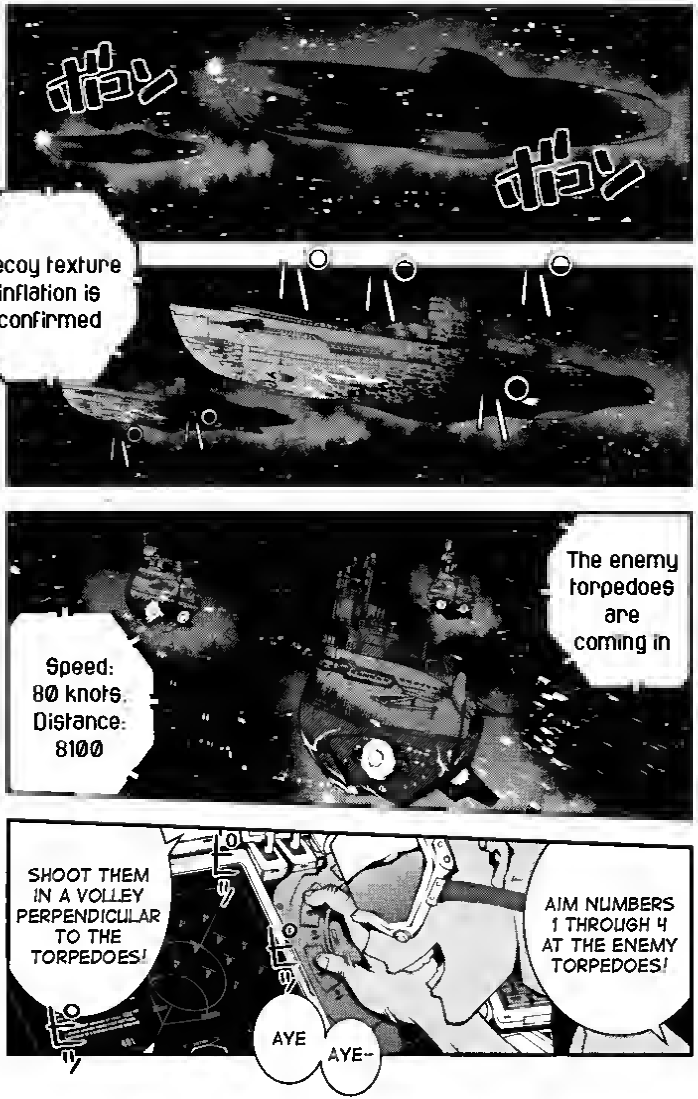
THEN INSERT
A CORROSIVE TORPEDO INTO NUMBER 5
Fire the decoys!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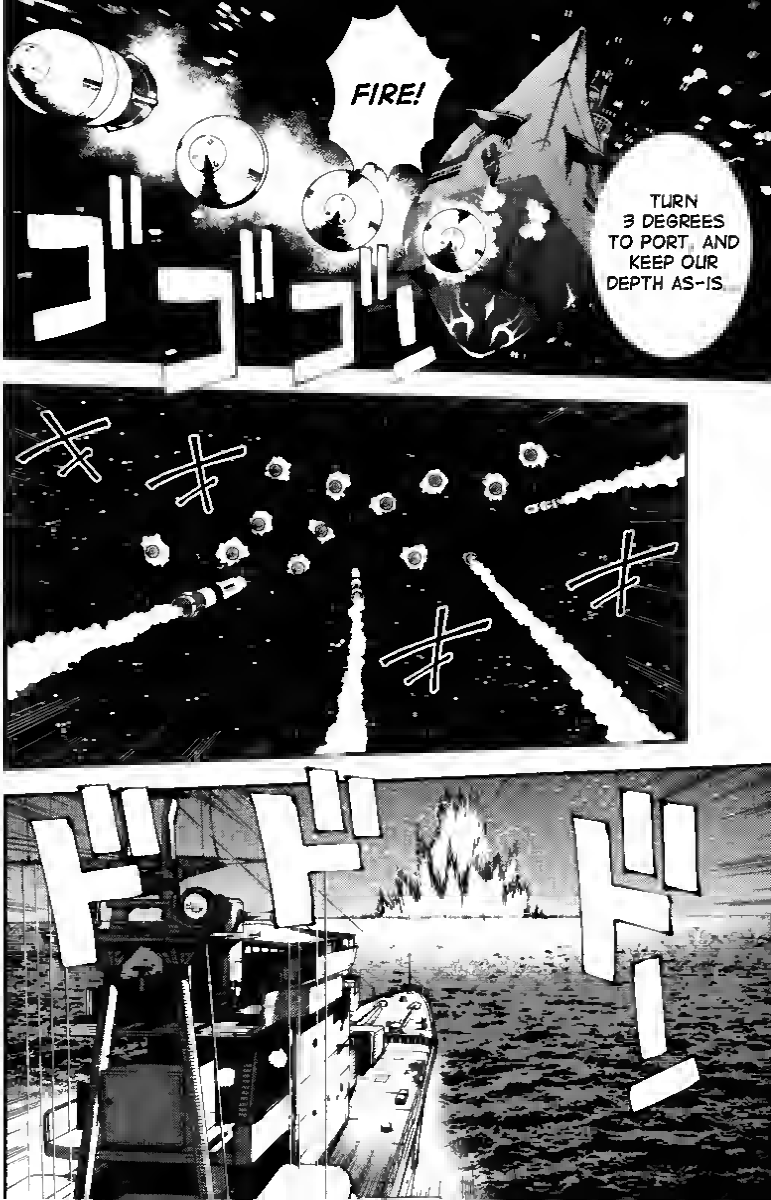
Decoy texture inflation is confirmed
The enemy torpedoes are coming in
Speed: 80 knots. Distance: 8100
SHOOT THEM IN A VOLLEY PERPENDICULAR TO THE TORPEDOES!
AIM NUMBERS 1 THROUGH 4 AT THE ENEMY TORPEDOES!
AYE
AYE--


FIRE!
TURN 3 DEGREES TO PORT, AND KEEP OUR DEPTH AS-IS.

THE ENEMY TORPEDOES ARE CONFIRMED TO HAVE BLOWN UP
THE TORPEDOES HAVE DETONATED
SONAR RECEPTION IS FALLING----
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WAIT...
ONE ENEMY TORPEDO IS COMING TOWARDS US!
DISTANCE: 250!

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FIRE THE CORROSIVE TORPEDO!!

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THE ONE WHO HAD BETRAYED THE FOG..
THAT'S GREAT..
DIGITAL TELESCOPE
EXCELLENT PERFOR-MANCE
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ROAD
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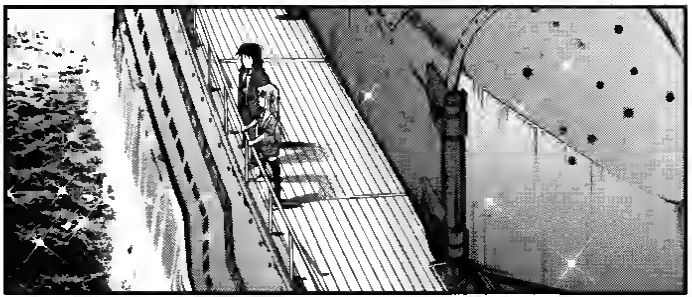

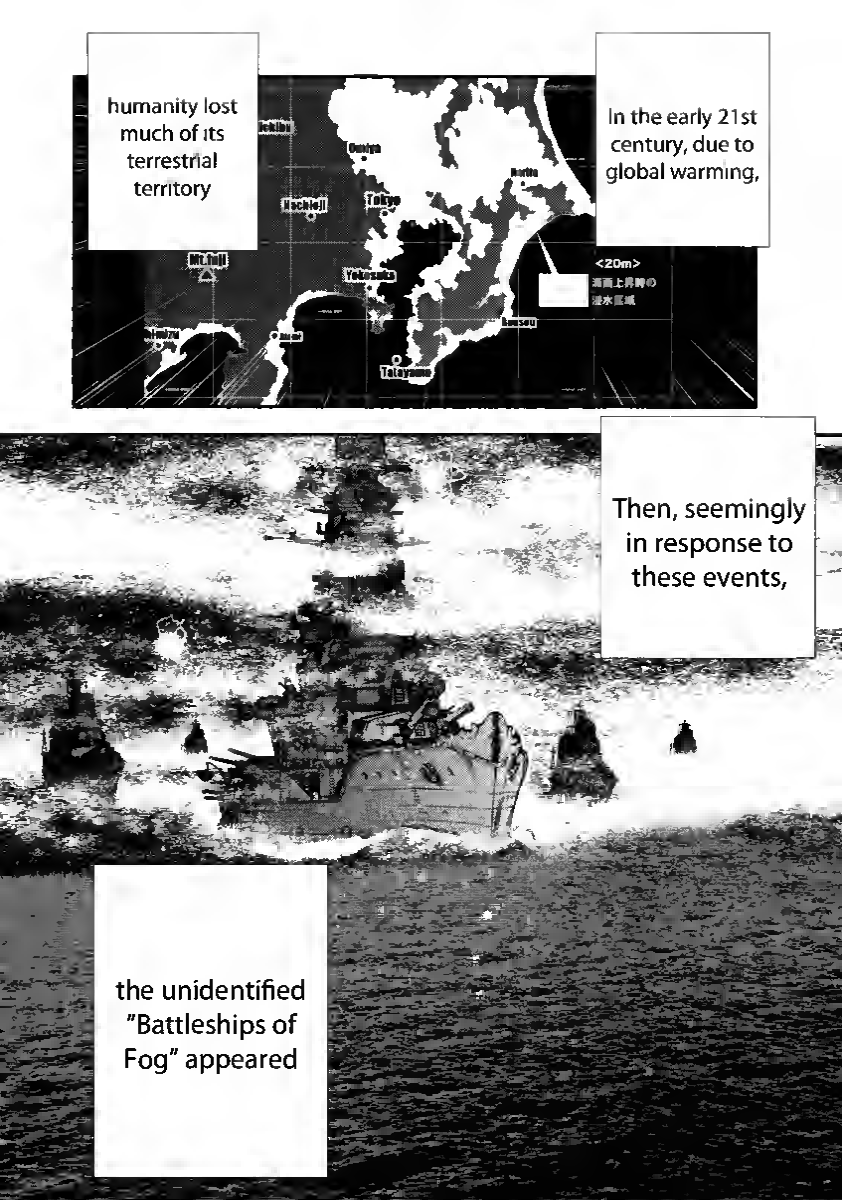
humanity lost much of its terrestrial territory
In the early 21st century, due to global warming,
Omiya
Narita
Hachioji
Tokyo
Mt.Fuji
Yokosuka
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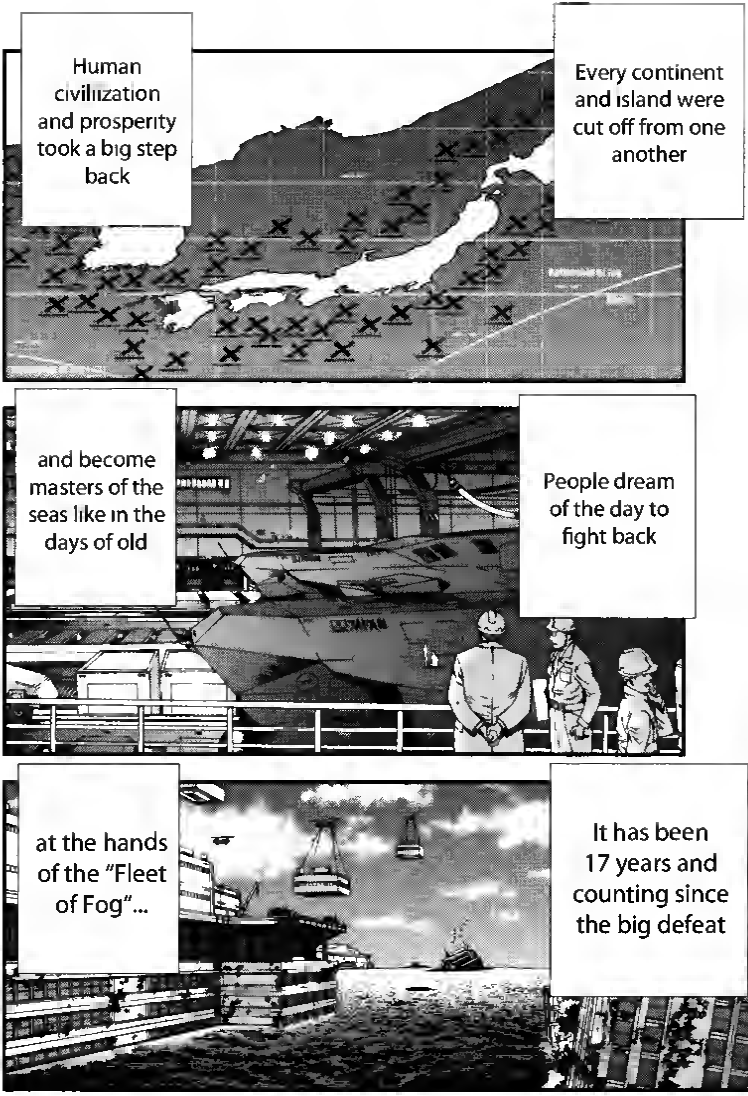
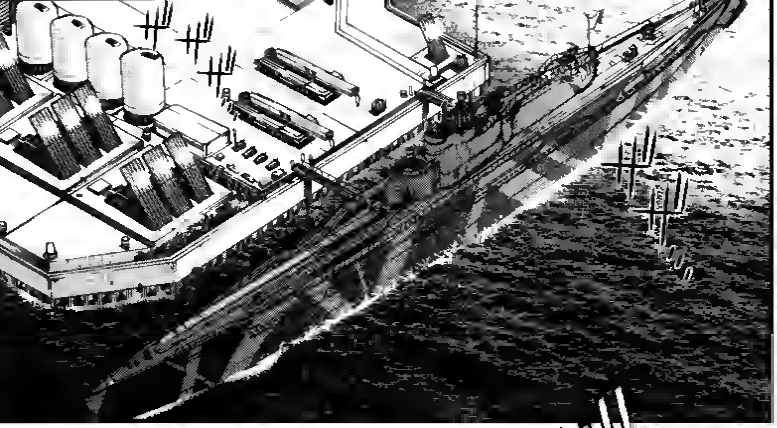
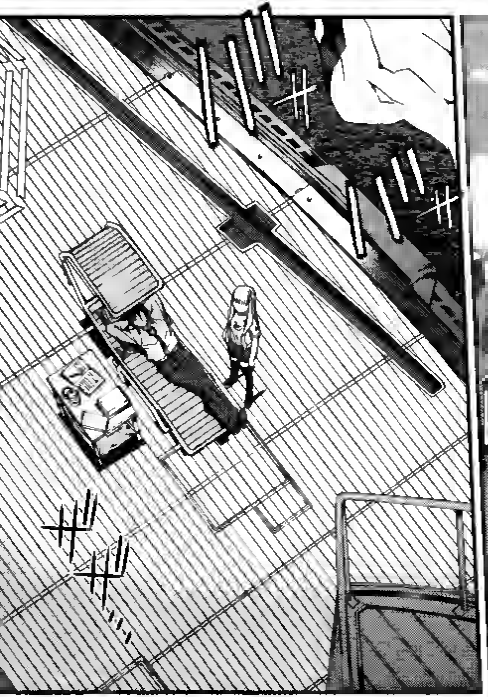
Tateyama
Then, seemingly in response to these events,
the unidentified "Battleships of Fog" appeared

Humanity was driven out of the seas
by these mysterious battleships

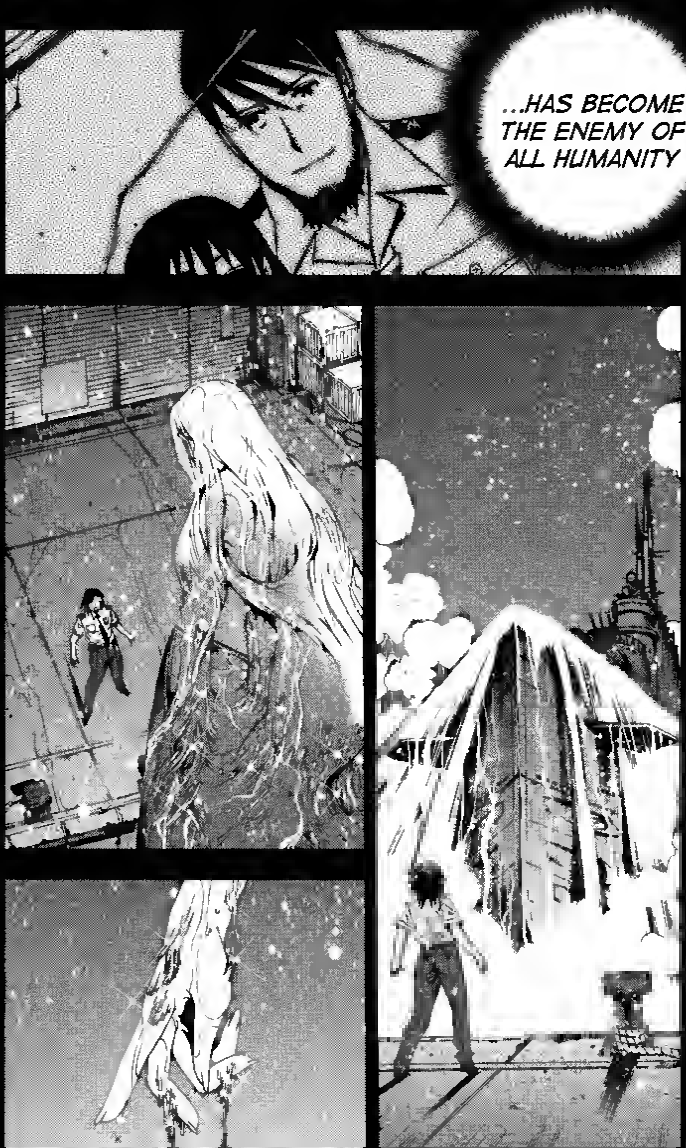

Human civilization and prosperity took a big step back
Every continent and island were cut off from one another
and become masters of the seas like in the days of old
People dream of the day to fight back
at the hands of the "Fleet of Fog"...
It has been 17 years and counting since the big defeat





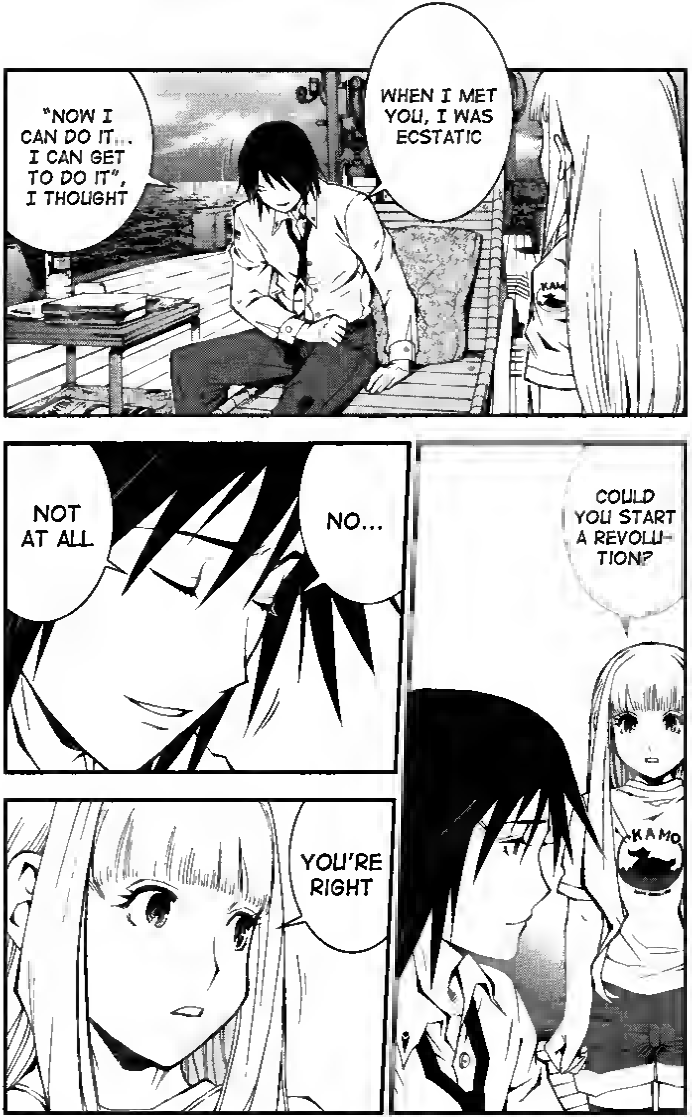
AIR STRIKE

GUNZOU
I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO TODAY'S TRAINING
YOUR FATHER---
CAPTAIN SHOUZOU CHIHAYA
...HAS BECOME OUR


...HAS BECOME THE ENEMY OF ALL HUMANITY

HEY, IONA
HM?
DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN WE FIRST MET?
I DO
WHAT...
KIND OF FACE DID I MAKE?

A MISER-
ABLE FACE
BACK THEN,
I IMPATIENTLY WANTED TO GET OUT OF THIS BLOCKADED WORLD SO MUCH
I THOUGHT THAT I WOULD START A WORLDWIDE REVOLUTION


"NOW I CAN DO IT... I CAN GET TO DO IT", I THOUGHT
WHEN I MET YOU, I WAS ECSTATIC
NOT AT ALL
NO...
COULD YOU START A REVOLUTION?
KAMO
YOU'RE RIGHT

GUNZOU
CHIHAYA, RIGHT?
.....
...AND YOU ARE...?

BELONGING TO THE "FLEET OF FOG" IN THE WATERS OF KASHIMA LAUNCH CENTER
I'M THE CLIENT WHO REQUESTED THAT YOU SINK THE CRUISER
...SO?
EXCUSE ME FOR NOT CONTACTING YOU IN PERSON
JOB?
I HAVE ANOTHER JOB FOR YOU... FOR YOUR "I-401"

I WANT YOU TO TRANSPORT HUMANITY'S HOPE...

HUMANITY'S LAST HOPE
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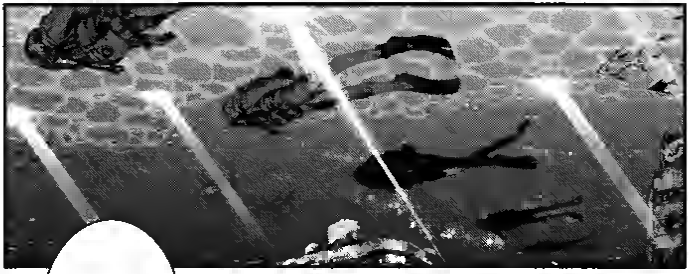

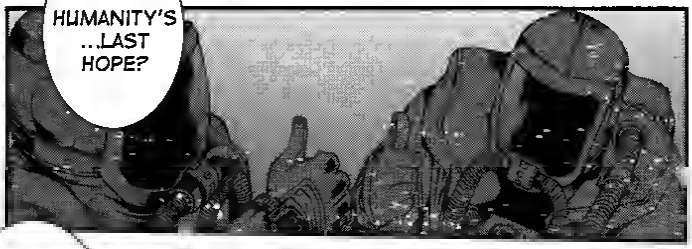

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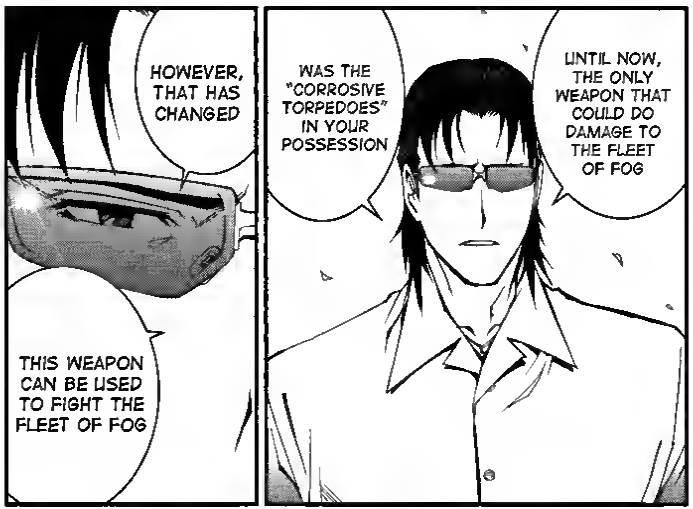
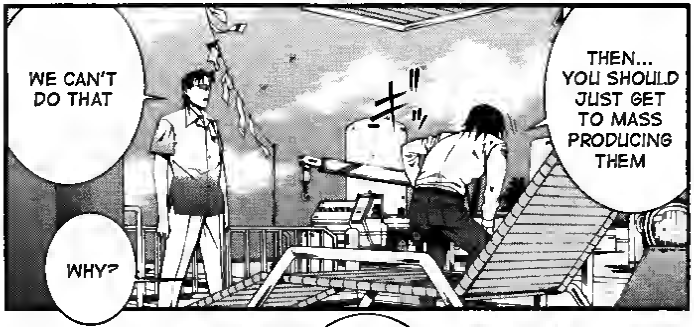
IF YOU ACCEPT THIS JOB,
THEN I'LL GIVE YOU THE DETAILS
LET'S JUST SAY.. THAT IT'S A NEW WEAPON FOR NOW
統制軍 軍務省
MILITARY COMMAND MINISTRY OF DEFENSE
ASSISTANT SECRETARY KAMIKAGE
上陰 龍二郎
RYUJIROU

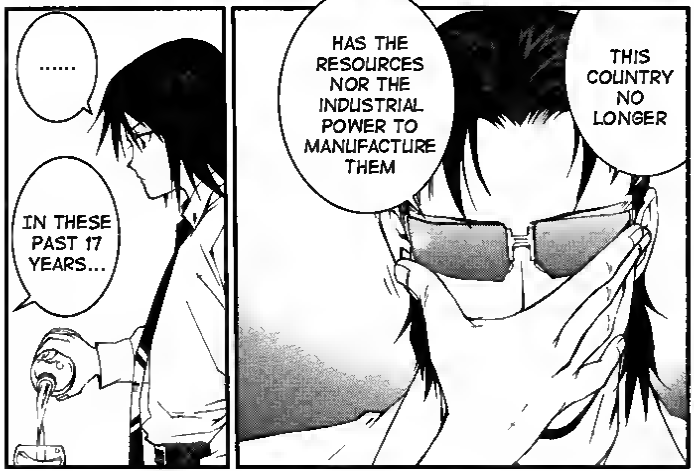
NEW WEAPON?
.....


HOWEVER, THAT HAS CHANGED
THIS WEAPON CAN BE USED TO FIGHT THE FLEET OF FOG
WAS THE "CORROSIVE TORPEDOES" IN YOUR POSSESSION
UNTIL NOW, THE ONLY WEAPON THAT COULD DO DAMAGE TO THE FLEET OF FOG

IN THESE LAST FEW YEARS,
I'VE HEARD THOSE WORDS SO MANY TIMES,
BUT EVERY SINGLE TIME,
THEY END UP BEING FAKES

WE'VE FINISHED TESTING
THIS IS THE REAL THING


WE CAN'T DO THAT
WHY?
THEN... YOU SHOULD JUST GET TO MASS PRODUCING THEM


.....
IN THESE PAST 17 YEARS...
HAS THE RESOURCES NOR THE INDUSTRIAL POWER TO MANUFACTURE THEM
THIS COUNTRY NO LONGER

THIS COUNTRY HAS BEEN BLOCKED FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD BY THE FLEET OF FOG,
SO WE'VE BEEN BARELY GETTING BY WITH THE RESOURCES SENT BY OUR ALLIES THROUGH SSTOS
YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT, RIGHT?
...
THAT'S WHY... WE WANT YOU TO TRANSPORT A SAMPLE AND SET OF DOCUMENTS
TO A COUNTRY THAT CAN MANUFACTURE AND DEPLOY THEM

SO,
WHICH COUNTRY IS IT?
AND BECOME THE FOOTHOLD OF HUMANITY'S "GREAT RESISTANCE"
THAT COUNTRY WILL MANUFACTURE AND DEPLOY THE WEAPON
UNITED STATES...
OF AMERICA

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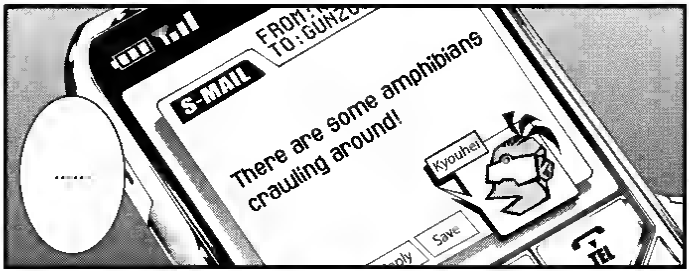
?
HEY, KYOUHEI!... COME HERE FOR A SEC...

beep


S-MAIL
There are some amphibians crawling around!
Kyouhei
Save
.....

beep
beep

ROGER
SOU!
ping!
mail 00543
From gunzou
to kyohei
Lock all doors
Stand by
LOCK

カシュ
カシュ
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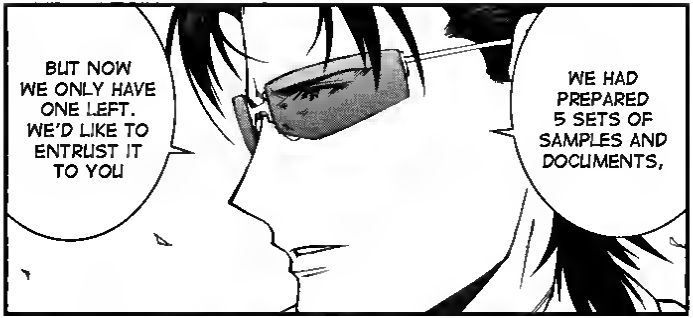
Today's Menu
-Chef's Special
-Salad
-Pasta
SO...
Cleaning duty
-Kyouhei
-Shizuka
-Iona
THAT'S RIGHT.. WE'LL SUPPORT YOU AS MUCH AS WE CAN
THE OCEAN THAT IS FILLED WITH THE FLEET OF FOG?
ARE YOU TELLING US .. TO CROSS THE PACIFIC?

...THERE'S NO WAY YOU HAVEN'T TRIED THAT
SENDING IT BY SSTO...DIDN'T WORK, HUH

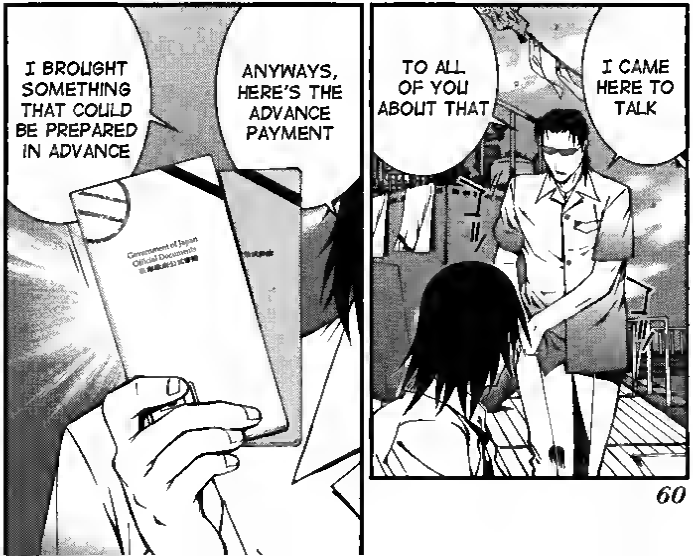
BUT WE JUST RECEIVED A REPORT FROM THE RECIPIENT SAYING THAT IT WAS SHOT DOWN OVER HAWAII
WE WERE ABLE TO LAUNCH IT THANKS TO ALL OF YOU,

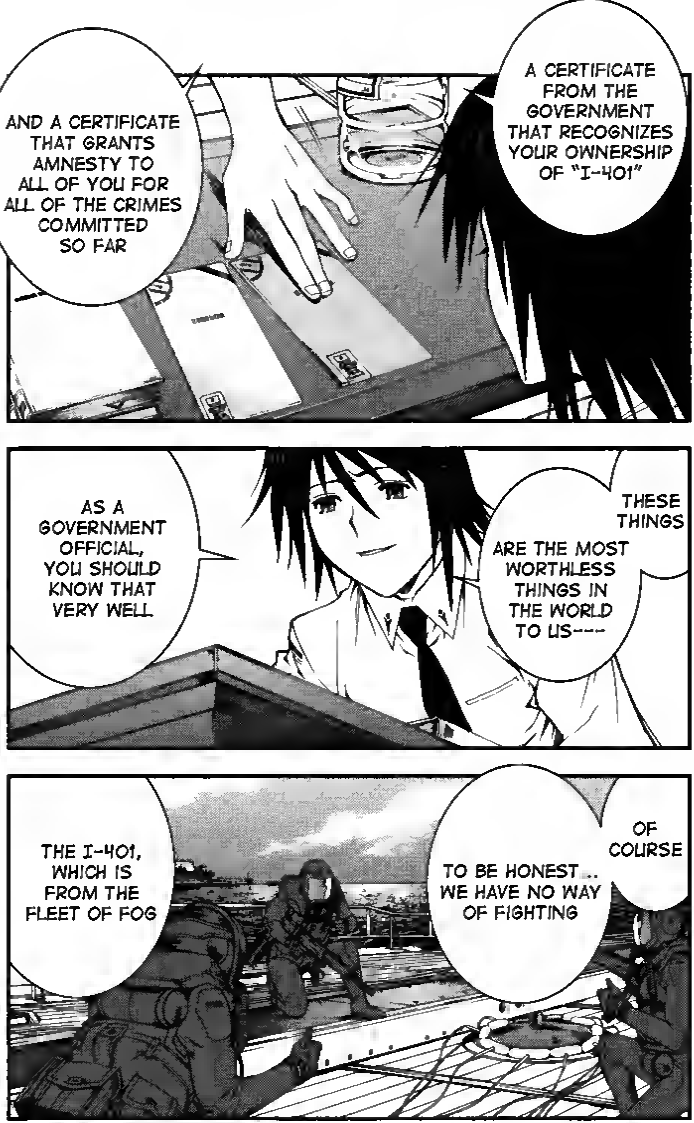
HOWEVER, ALL OF THEM WERE BLOCKED
WE'VE ALREADY TRIED ALL OF OUR OTHER OPTIONS

SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED


WE HAD PREPARED 5 SETS OF SAMPLES AND DOCUMENTS,
BUT NOW WE ONLY HAVE ONE LEFT. WE'D LIKE TO ENTRUST IT TO YOU

...IF WE ACCEPT THIS,
WHAT WILL BE OUR PAYMENT?


I CAME HERE TO TALK
TO ALL OF YOU ABOUT THAT
ANYWAYS, HERE'S THE ADVANCE PAYMENT
I BROUGHT SOMETHING THAT COULD BE PREPARED IN ADVANCE
Government of Japan
Official Documents


A CERTIFICATE FROM THE GOVERNMENT THAT RECOGNIZES YOUR OWNERSHIP OF "I-401"
AND A CERTIFICATE THAT GRANTS AMNESTY TO ALL OF YOU FOR ALL OF THE CRIMES COMMITTED SO FAR
THESE THINGS ARE THE MOST WORTHLESS THINGS IN THE WORLD TO US---
AS A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT VERY WELL
OF COURSE
TO BE HONEST... WE HAVE NO WAY OF FIGHTING
THE I-401, WHICH IS FROM THE FLEET OF FOG

TO BE ABLE TO WALK AROUND JAPAN IN BROAD DAYLIGHT
BUT... I WANT TO LET ALL OF YOU

.....

DO YOU HAVE ANY AMPHIBIOUS FRIENDS?
...I HAVE A QUESTION

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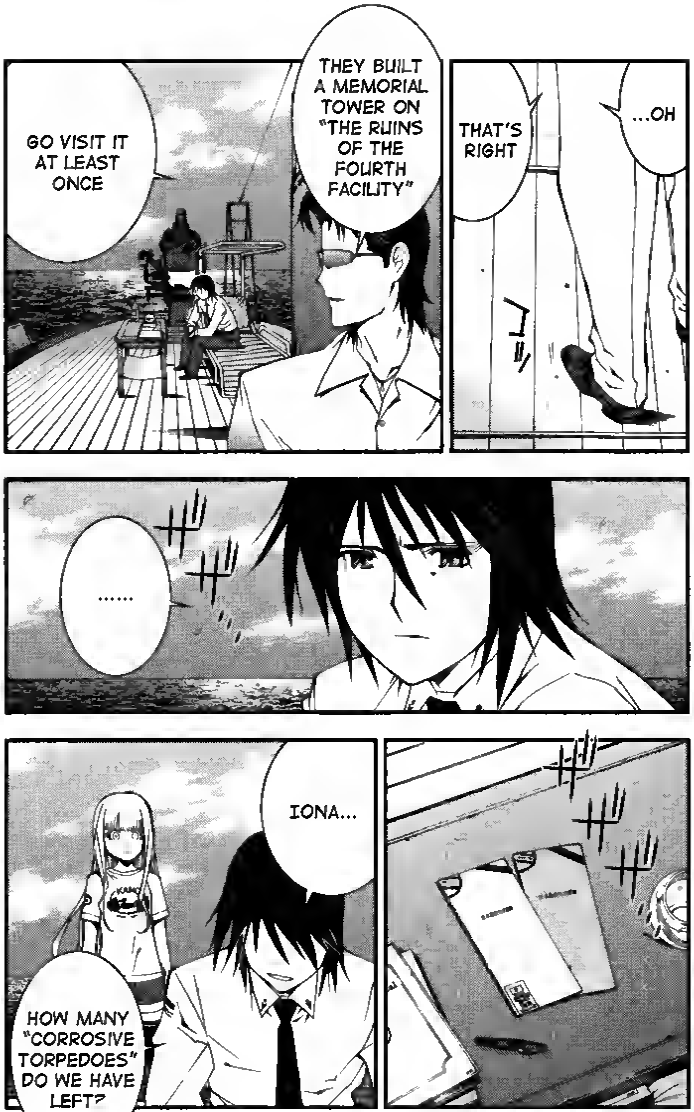
I...
HAPPEN TO
KNOW ONE
I'LL TALK
TO HIM

REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE THE JOB OR NOT,
I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU JUST CAME TO YOKOSUKA
WE'LL GET INTO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION IF WE TALK ANYMORE...
SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE
NOT AT ALL.
THE CARGO IS THERE
YOKO-SUKA...
.....

IT WOULDN'T BE BAD FOR ALL OF YOU TO SEE YOUR OLD CLASSMATES AGAIN
THERE'S ALSO YOUR ALMA MATER, FROM WHICH ALL OF YOU RUSHED OUT...
ALSO,
WE CAN TALK ABOUT CAPTAIN SHOUZOU AS WELL


THEY BUILT A MEMORIAL TOWER ON "THE RUINS OF THE FOURTH FACILITY"
GO VISIT IT AT LEAST ONCE
...OH
THAT'S RIGHT
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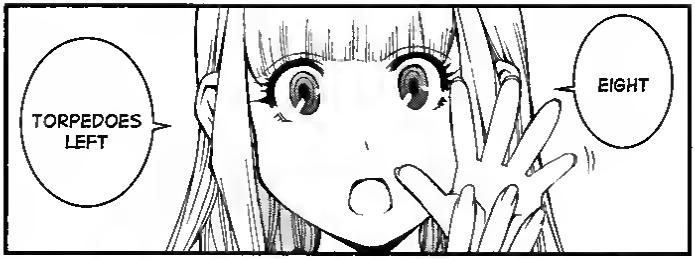
IONA...
HOW MANY "CORROSIVE TORPEDOES" DO WE HAVE LEFT?


TORPEDOES LEFT
EIGHT

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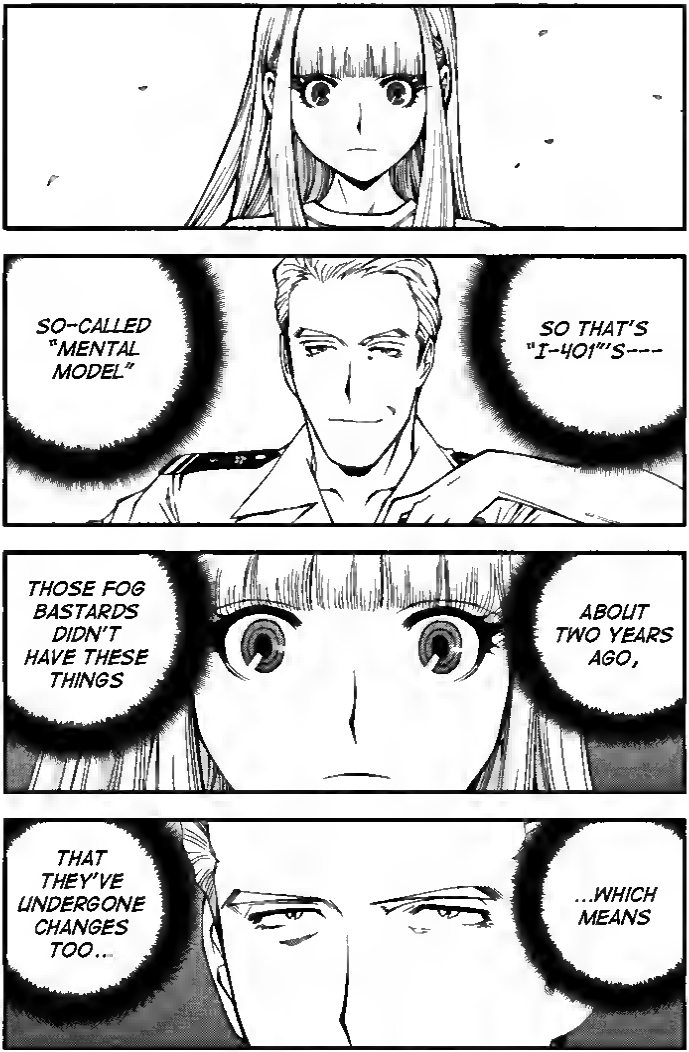
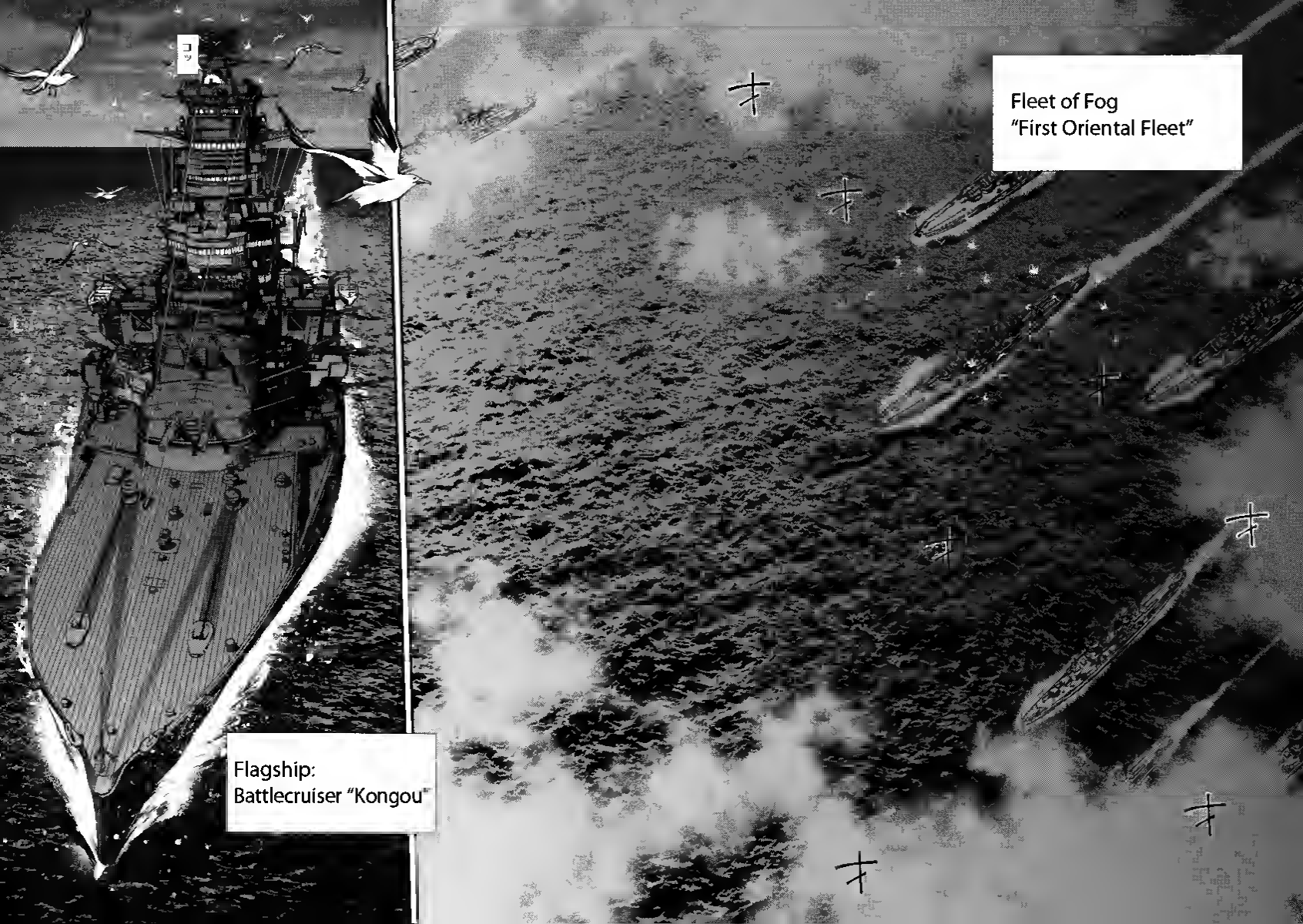
HE'LL COME. . .BUT MORE TO THE POINT,
HOW WAS IT? WILL HE COME?

COULD YOU PLEASE WITHDRAW THOSE NAVY COMMANDOS YOU'RE SO PROUD OF? ..THEY'RE UNNEEDED
CRUZ...
LIEUTEN-ANT HERDER
SHARP AS ALWAYS.. ASSISTANT SECRETARY KAMIKAGE
SO YOU'VE NOTICED
IT WOULD BE A PIECE OF CAKE TO TAKE CARE
OF THE CREW, YOU KNOW?
AND TAKE BACK WHAT BELONGS TO THE GOV-ERNMENT?
BUT HOW ABOUT IT? HOW ABOUT WE TAKE CONTROL OF THIS SHIP

BUT... THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT SHE DOESN'T LISTEN TO WHAT WE SAY
SHE ONLY LISTENS TO WHAT THEY SAY
THE "I-401" HAS A WILL OF HER OWN...
LIEUTENANT... I'M SORRY, BUT I'LL HAVE TO REJECT THAT IDEA
PRACTICALLY SPEAKING, THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO CAN CONTROL THE "I-401" RIGHT NOW
THAT'S JUST A THEORY
OR AN ENTITY WHOSE THOUGHT PROCESS ISN'T FULLY UNDERSTOOD? I DON'T HAVE TO EXPLAIN IT, RIGHT?
WHEN WE HAVE TO NEGOTIATE WITH HER... WHICH ONE IS EASIER TO DEAL WITH? HUMANS...

INDEED..
.....
THERE'S NO NEED TO HURRY WITH SOMETHING WE COULD ALWAYS DO
BESIDES, WE CAN ALWAYS TAKE CONTROL OF HER
CONTACTING ALL UNITS,
FALL BACK. OVER


SO-CALLED "MENTAL MODEL"
SO THAT'S "I-401"'S---
THOSE FOG BASTARDS DIDN'T HAVE THESE THINGS
ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO,
THAT THEY'VE UNDERGONE CHANGES TOO..
...WHICH MEANS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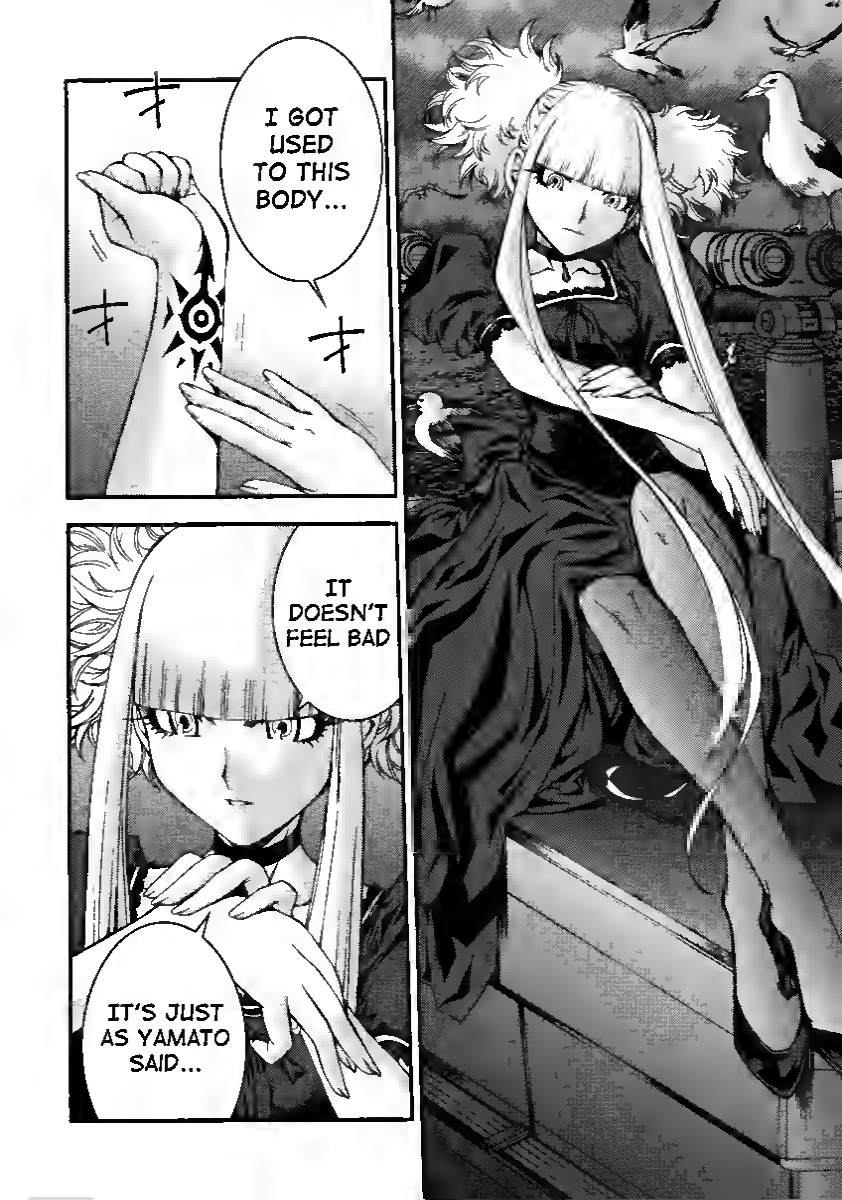
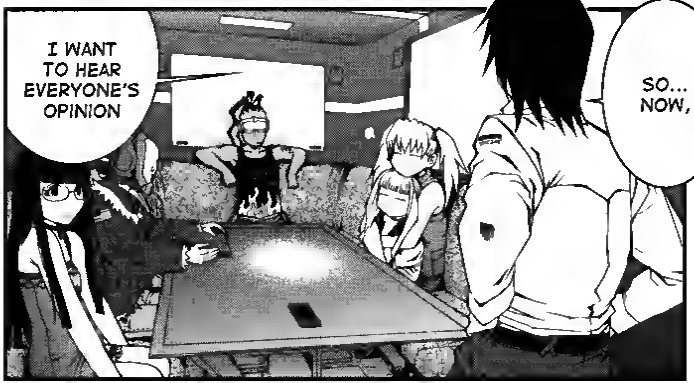
Fleet of Fog
"First Oriental Fleet"
Flagship:
Battlecruiser "Kongou"


I GOT USED TO THIS BODY...
IT DOESN'T FEEL BAD
IT'S JUST AS YAMATO SAID...

I SEE, SO "401" IS MOVING OUT
!
WELL, WHATEVER. IF THEY'RE HEADING NORTH,
I CAN JUST LEAVE IT UP TO NAGATO'S FLEET
TAKAO IS ALSO THERE
WASTE OF MY TIME

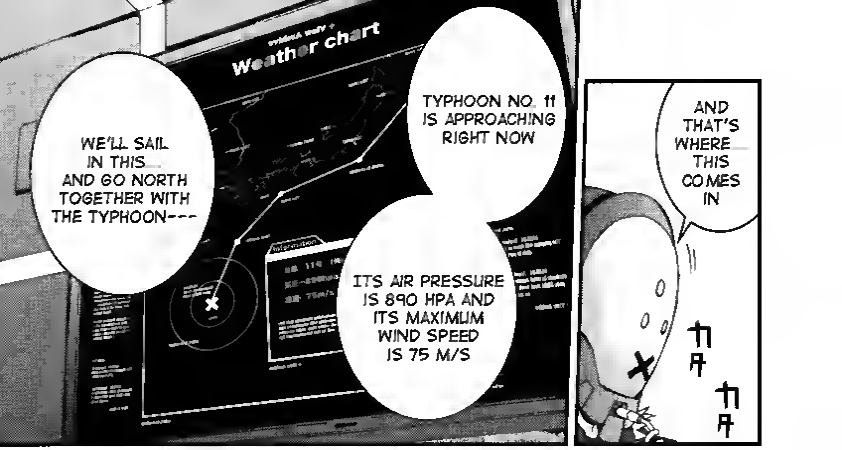
...Go visit it
at least once
voice mode
Briefing Room


SO... NOW,
I WANT TO HEAR EVERYONE'S OPINION

I'M IN FAVOR OF GOING UP TO YOKOSUKA
WE GOT FOOD WITH THE ADVANCE PAYMENT,
BUT OTHER SUPPLIES ARE ALWAYS ON THE TOP OF OUR AGENDA
I'M ESPECIALLY WORRIED ABOUT OUR MUNI-TIONS
YEAH YEAH
EVERYTHING THAT WE'VE BEEN GETTING WERE INFERIOR BLACK MARKET GOODS

EVEN IF WE GO TO SASEBO, WE CAN'T GET A PROPER CHECKUP AND MAINTENANCE THERE
I AGREE WITH SOU~
I ALSO THINK THAT GETTING GOVERNMENT RECOGNITION WILL BE A GOOD DEAL FOR US DOWN THE ROAD
THIS MIGHT BE A GOOD CHANCE TO RETURN TO OUR HOME PORT
THERE ARE SO MANY VAGUE BLACK BOX-ESQUE PARTS
IT'S BEYOND OUR ABILITIES TO ANALYZE THE ENGINE SYSTEMS OF THE 401 IN THE FIRST PLACE
SO I'LL GO WHEREVER THIS SHIP GOES
I... THIS IS MY HOME,
WHAT ABOUT YOU, SHIZUNE? THAT PLACE HOLDS SOME MEANING FOR US, BUT NONE FOR YOU
I'M FINE WITH ANY-THING

THIS
beep
THE PROBLEM IS...
...GOING TO YOKOSUKA...
THAT'S WHY I'M HESITANT IN GOING BACK TO YOKOSUKA
Heavy Cruiser
"TAKAO"
THERE'S A "TAKAO-CLASS" RADAR PICKET HEAVY CRUISER STATIONED IN THE WATERS AROUND NAGOYA
I WOULD LIKE TO AVOID FIGHTING HER IF POSSIBLE
WE ONLY HAVE A FEW "CORROSIVE TORPEDOES" LEFT
WE ONLY HAVE HALF THE FIREPOWER SHE HAS
WE CAN'T GO UP AGAINST A HEAVY CRUISER, JUST LIKE HOW WE CAN'T GO UP AGAINST NAGATO


Weather chart
WE'LL SAIL IN THIS... AND GO NORTH TOGETHER WITH THE TYPHOON---
TYPHOON NO. 11 IS APPROACHING RIGHT NOW
ITS AIR PRESSURE IS 890 HPA AND ITS MAXIMUM WIND SPEED IS 75 M/S
AND THAT'S WHERE THIS COMES IN
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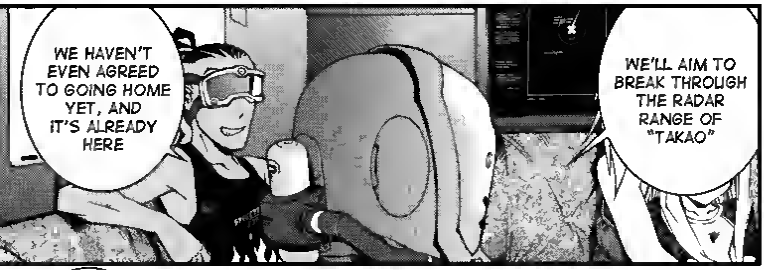
WE HAVEN'T EVEN AGREED TO GOING HOME YET, AND IT'S ALREADY HERE
WE'LL AIM TO BREAK THROUGH THE RADAR RANGE OF "TAKAO"

OKAY... WEIGH ANCHOR
...LET'S TRY THAT

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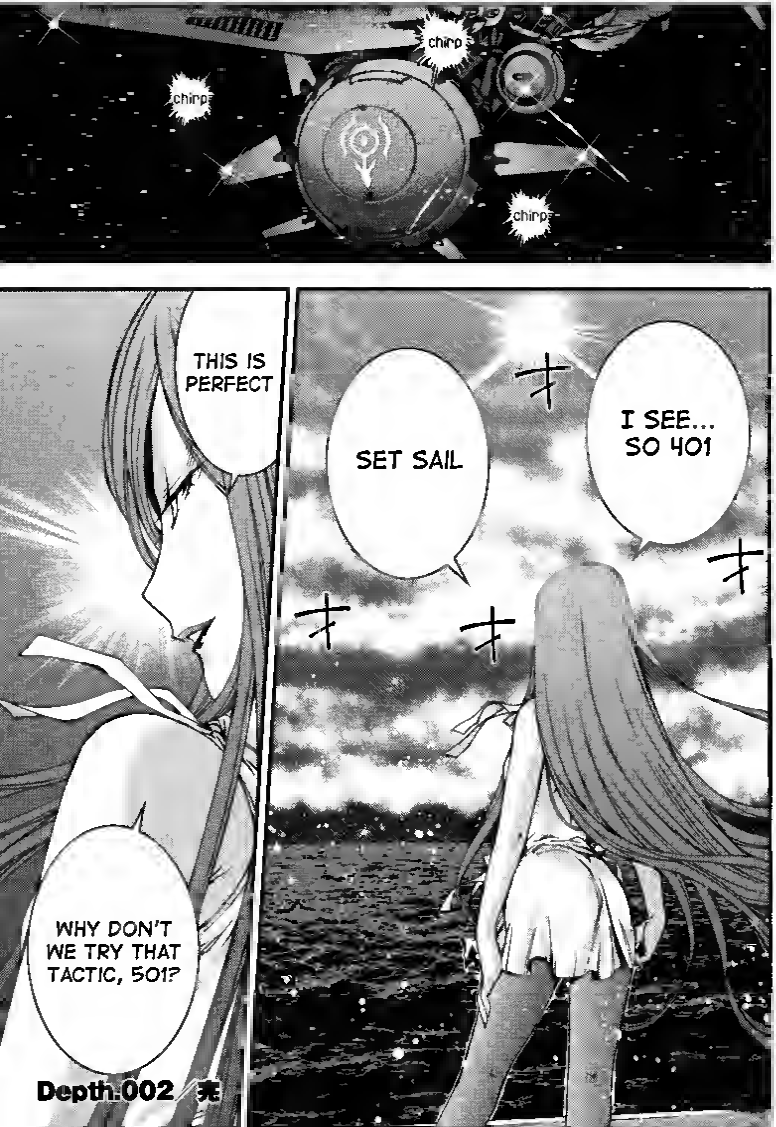
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THIS IS PERFECT
SET SAIL
I SEE... SO 401
WHY DON'T WE TRY THAT TACTIC, 501?

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Character Introduction

Members of I-401

Shizuka Hodzumi

In charge of [illegible] other sensors. Came aboard the I-401 for different reasons than everyone else.

Sou Oribe

I-401's first mate. Gunzou's classmate. Always wears a mask for some reason.

Iori Watanuki

Gunzou's classmate. In charge of the engine. Good friends with Iona.

Iona

I-401's Mental Model. Why she's allying with the humans is a mystery.

Kyouhei Kashihara

Gunzou's classmate. Usually cheers up the crew. In charge of weapons.

Gunzou Chihaya

The captain of the submarine I-401. Went to the National Marine Academy. Currently riding aboard I-401 with Iona and fighting the "Fleet of Fog." His father Shouzou Chihaya is said to have defected to the Fog side, but it's unknown whether that's true or not.

Fleet of Fog

Takao

The Mental Model of heavy cruiser Takao. Fights I-401 in the waters near Nagoya.

Kongou

The Mental Model of battlecruiser Kongou. Her unmotivated personality is rather human-like.

Military forces controlling Japan

Ryuujirou Kamikage

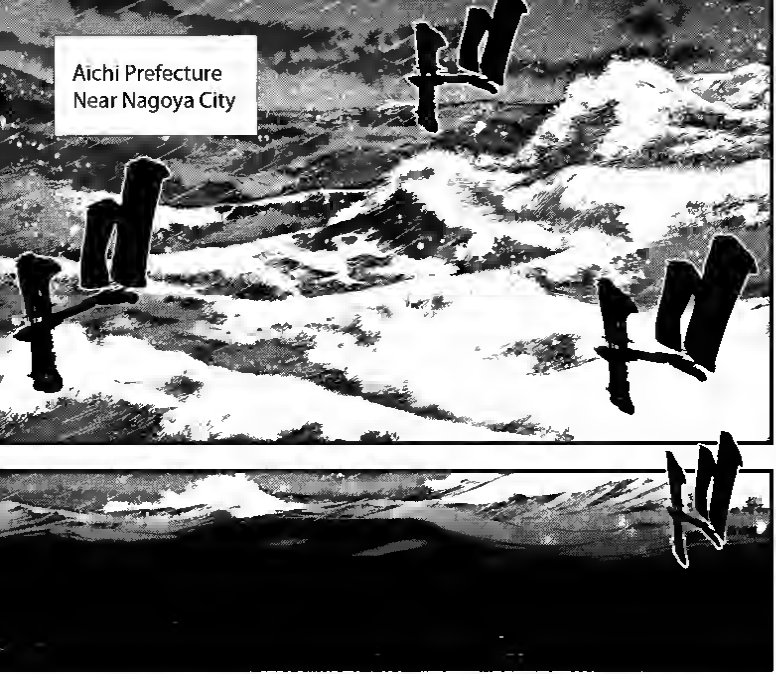
Trying to entrust the Oscillation Warhead to I-401.

Cruz Herder

The US Navy Lieutenant left behind in Japan.

Hiroshi Uragami

Vice Admiral of the Military Command. Fought the Fleet of Fog 17 years ago.


Aichi Prefecture
Near Nagoya City

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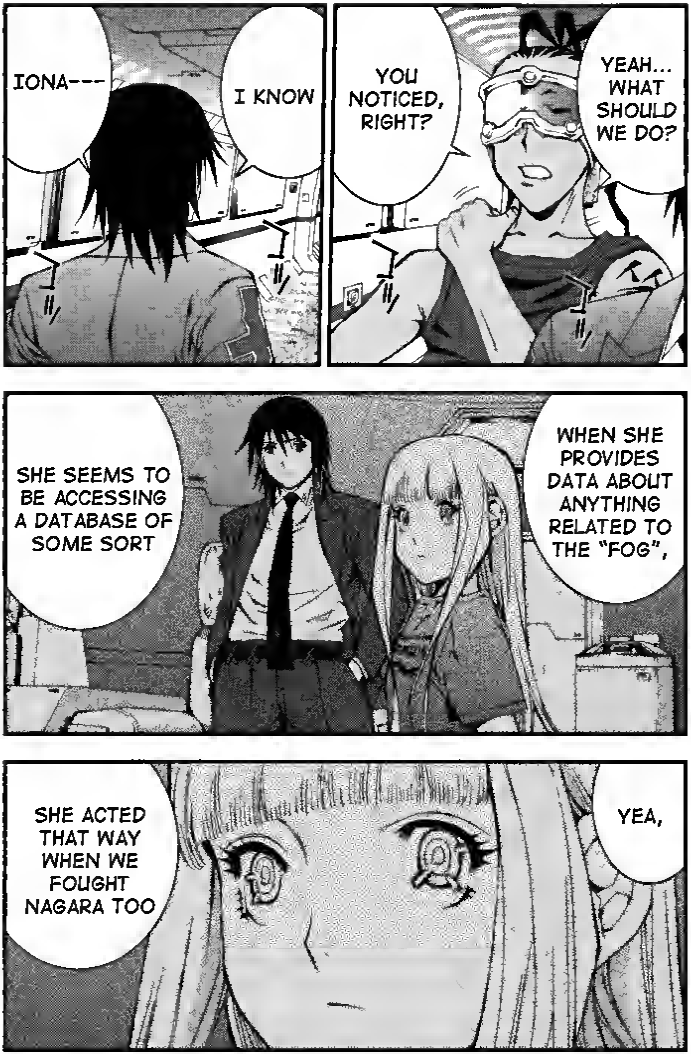
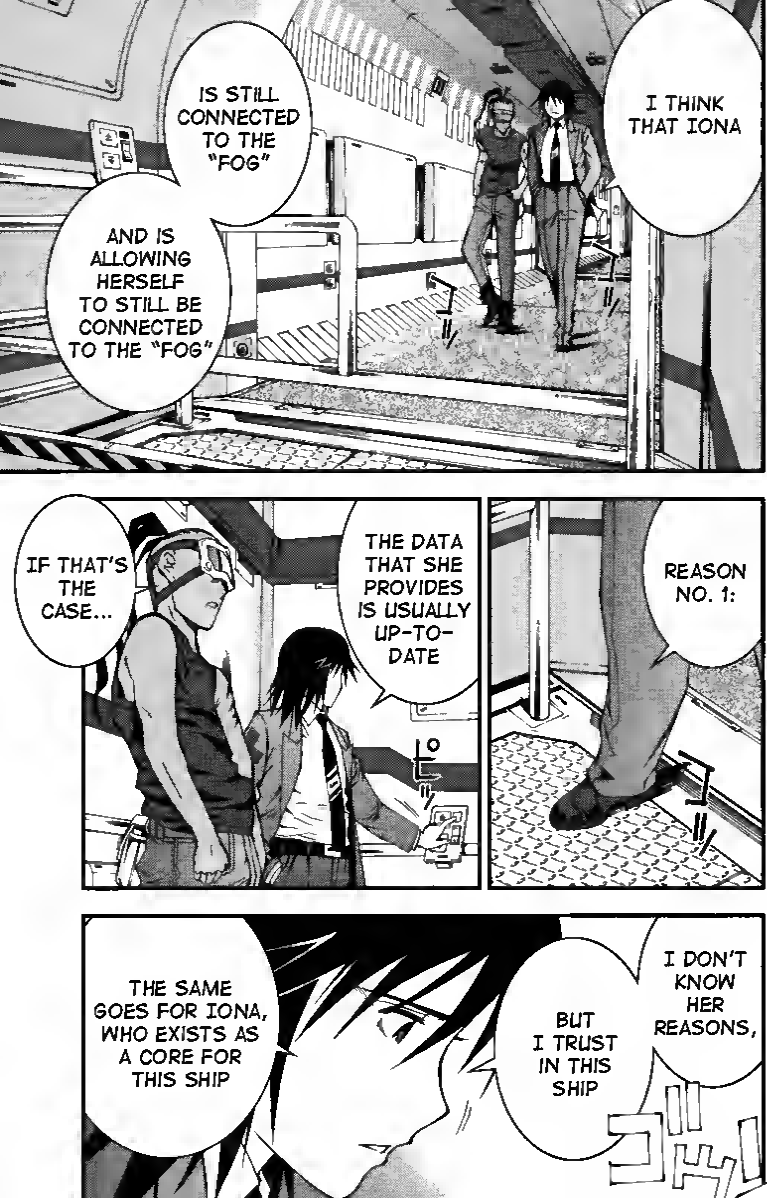
I WANT TO ASK ONE QUESTION BEFORE WE CROSS THE PACIFIC
SO...
IT'S THE QUESTION THAT NEVER GOT ANSWERED
WE HAVEN'T DECIDED ON THAT YET
THEN IT'S ABOUT IONA, RIGHT
IF YOU'RE EVEN FOLLOWING ME TO THE TOILET TO ASK THIS QUESTION...


IONA---
I KNOW
YOU NOTICED, RIGHT?
YEAH... WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
SHE SEEMS TO BE ACCESSING A DATABASE OF SOME SORT
WHEN SHE PROVIDES DATA ABOUT ANYTHING RELATED TO THE "FOG",
SHE ACTED THAT WAY WHEN WE FOUGHT NAGARA TOO
YEA,

ACCESS THE NETWORK OF THE "FOG"...?
CAN SHE STILL
OR...
IS IT A DATABASE THAT EXISTS WITHIN HER?
EXACTLY
.....
BUT IF IT'S THE LATTER... WOULDN'T THAT BE TROUBLESOME?
IF IT'S THE FORMER.. THEN HER DATABASE SHOULD'VE STOPPED UPDATING TWO YEARS AGO


I THINK THAT IONA
IS STILL CONNECTED TO THE "FOG"
AND IS ALLOWING HERSELF TO STILL BE CONNECTED TO THE "FOG"
REASON NO. 1:
THE DATA THAT SHE PROVIDES IS USUALLY UP-TO-DATE
IF THAT'S THE CASE...
I DON'T KNOW HER REASONS,
BUT I TRUST IN THIS SHIP
THE SAME GOES FOR IONA, WHO EXISTS AS A CORE FOR THIS SHIP
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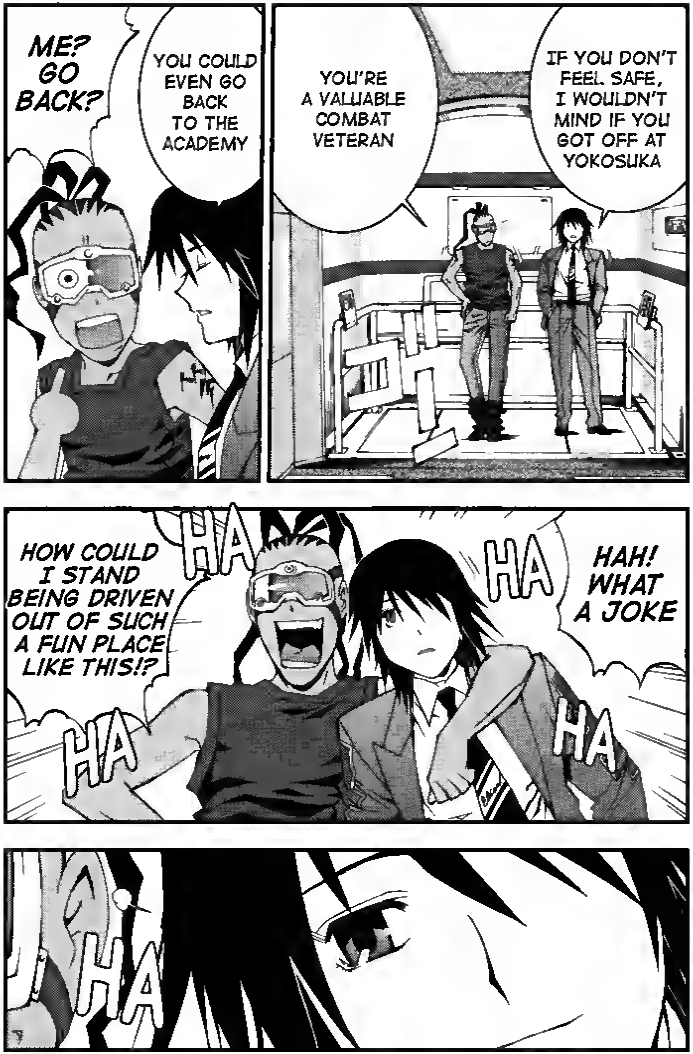
REASON NO. 2:
IF SHE WANTED TO DO SOMETHING TO US,
THEN SHE HAD PLENTY OF CHANCES TO DO SO IN THESE PAST TWO YEARS
REASON NO. 3: HER ACTIONS
WHEN WE SANK THE BATTLESHIP "HYUUGA"
REASON NO. 4:...
OKAY, I GET IT, I GET IT


ME? GO BACK?
YOU COULD EVEN GO BACK TO THE ACADEMY
YOU'RE A VALUABLE COMBAT VETERAN
IF YOU DON'T FEEL SAFE, I WOULDN'T MIND IF YOU GOT OFF AT YOKOSUKA
HOW COULD I STAND BEING DRIVEN OUT OF SUCH A FUN PLACE LIKE THIS!?
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HAH! WHAT A JOKE
HA
HA

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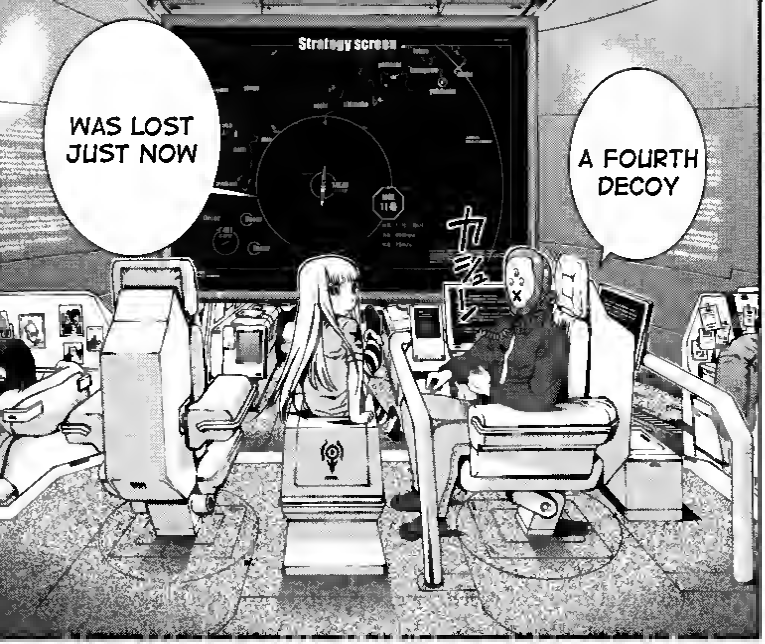
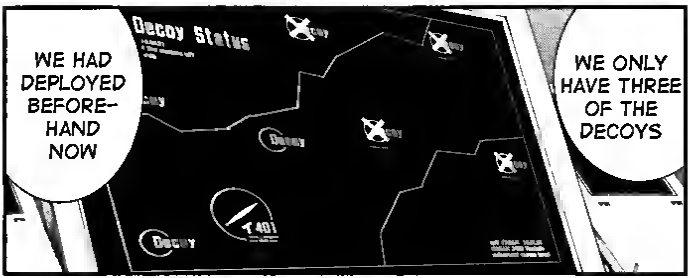
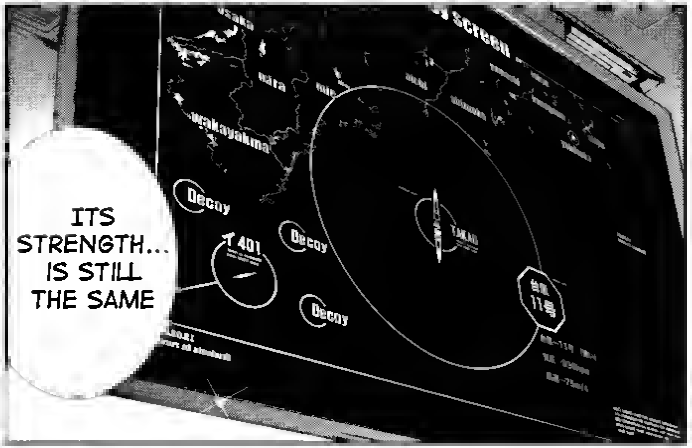
WHAT'S THE SITUATION?


Strategy screen
WAS LOST JUST NOW
A FOURTH DECOY


Decoy Status
WE HAD DEPLOYED BEFORE-HAND NOW
WE ONLY HAVE THREE OF THE DECOYS

WHAT ABOUT TAKAO?
.....

AND THE TY-PHOON?
IT'S RIGHT ABOVE US
TAKAO IS STILL MOVING TOGETHER WITH THE EYE OF THE TYPHOON


ITS STRENGTH... IS STILL THE SAME
Decoy
401
Decoy
Decoy
TAKAO

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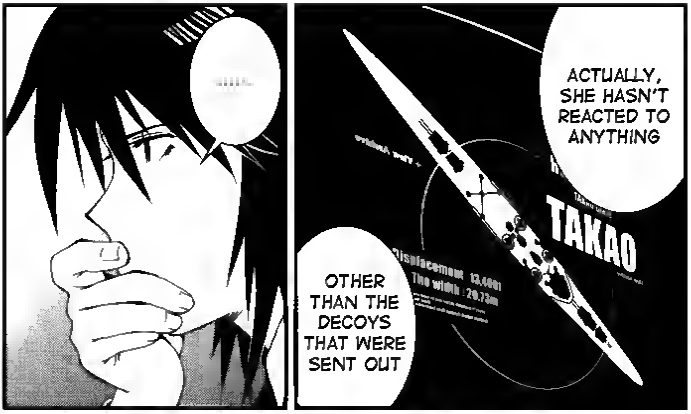
MY, MY... IT'S A STALEMATE
AT THIS RATE, WE'RE GOING TO ARRIVE AT YOKOSUKA TOGETHER WITH A TYPHOON AND A FOG HEAVY CRUISER
UNDER THESE CONDITIONS, EVEN IF IT'S FROM THE "FLEET OF FOG",
ITS SENSORS' ABILITIES SHOULD BE LOWERED, AND YET...
WE WOULDN'T KNOW UNLESS WE ANALYZE ITS DETECTION ABILITIES,
BUT I GUESS THAT ITS IDENTIFICATION ABILITIES HAVE BEEN HAMPERED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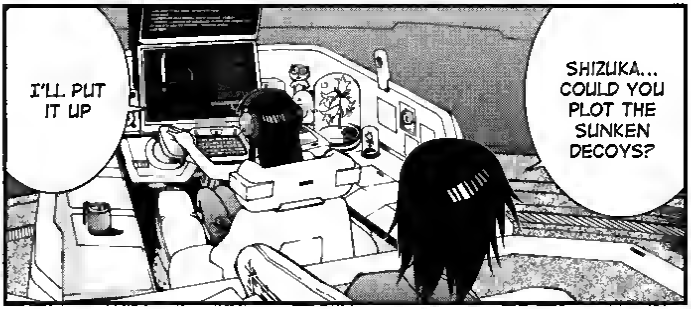
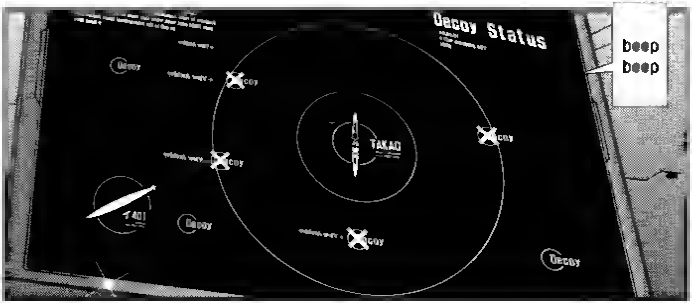
ACTUALLY, SHE HASN'T REACTED TO ANYTHING
TAKAO
OTHER THAN THE DECOYS THAT WERE SENT OUT


I'LL PUT IT UP
SHIZUKA... COULD YOU PLOT THE SUNKEN DECOYS?


Decoy Status
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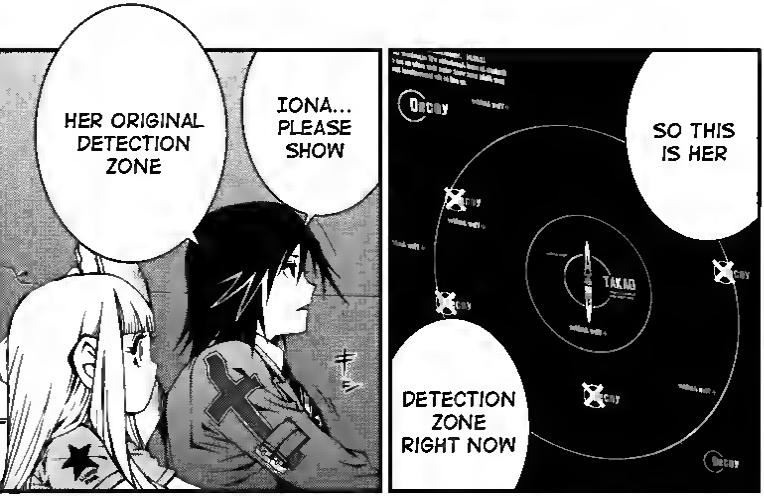
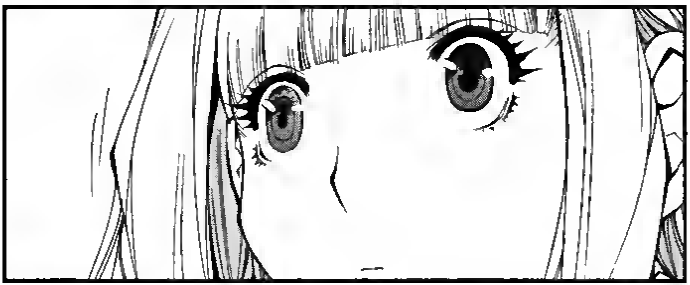
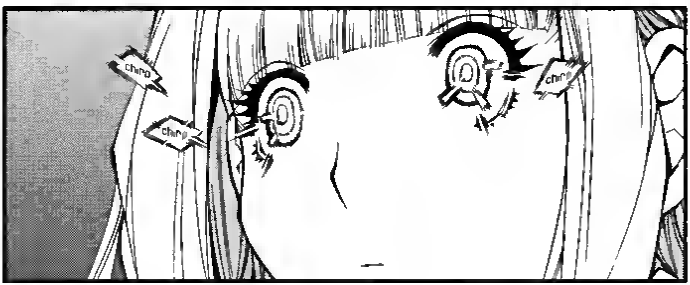
TAKAO
Decoy


HER ORIGINAL DETECTION ZONE
IONA... PLEASE SHOW
SO THIS IS HER
DETECTION ZONE RIGHT NOW
Decay
TAKAO

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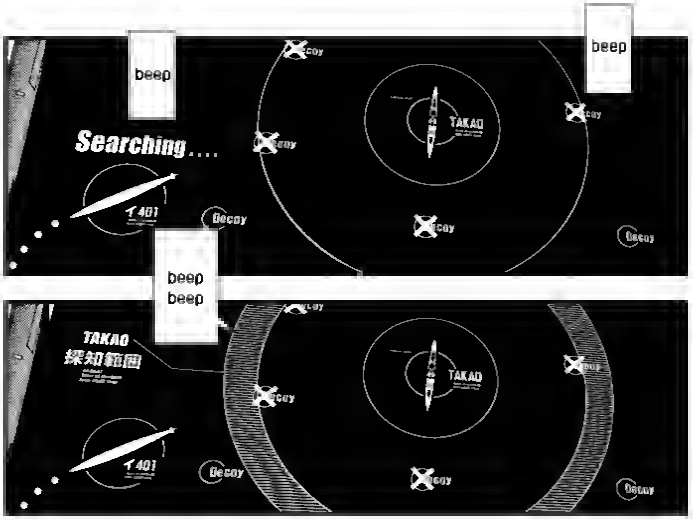
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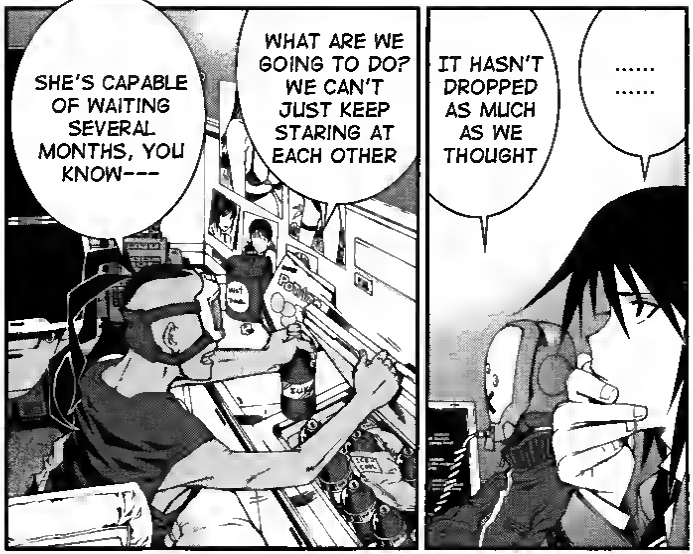
SHE'S CAPABLE OF WAITING SEVERAL MONTHS, YOU KNOW---
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? WE CAN'T JUST KEEP STARING AT EACH OTHER
IT HASN'T DROPPED AS MUCH AS WE THOUGHT
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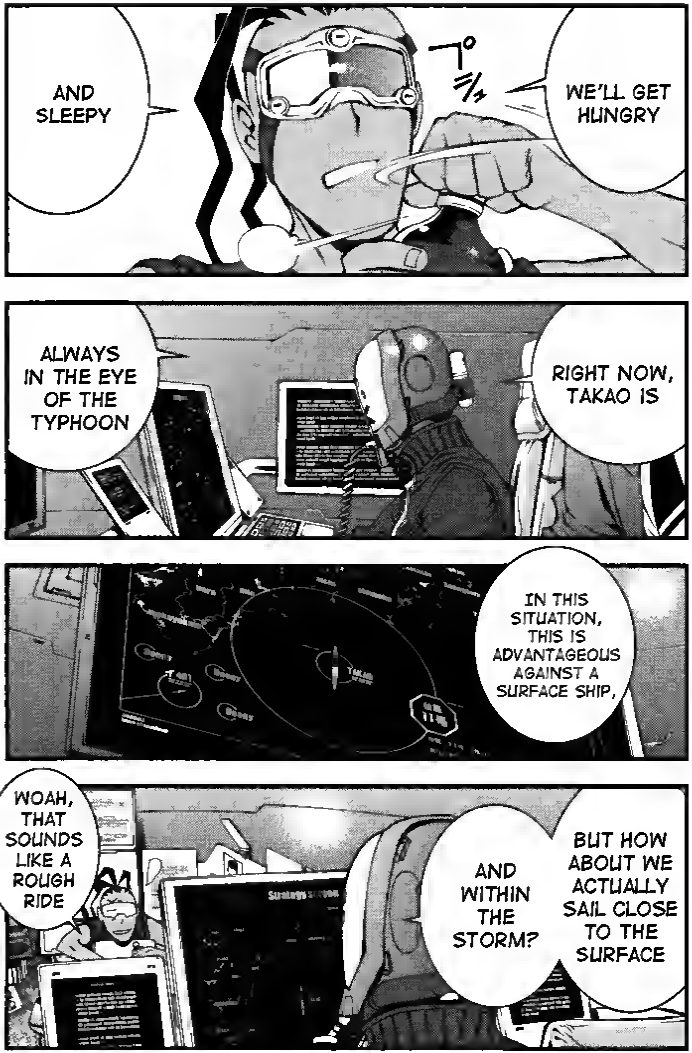
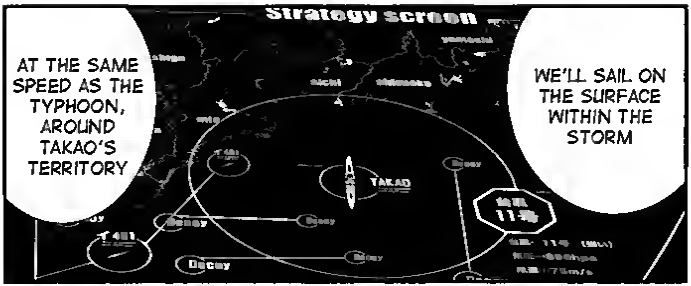

AND SLEEPY
WE'LL GET HUNGRY
ALWAYS IN THE EYE OF THE TYPHOON
RIGHT NOW, TAKAO IS
IN THIS SITUATION, THIS IS ADVANTAGEOUS AGAINST A SURFACE SHIP,
WOAH, THAT SOUNDS LIKE A ROUGH RIDE
AND WITHIN THE STORM?
BUT HOW ABOUT WE ACTUALLY SAIL CLOSE TO THE SURFACE


Strategy screen
AT THE SAME SPEED AS THE TYPHOON, AROUND TAKAO'S TERRITORY
WE'LL SAIL ON THE SURFACE WITHIN THE STORM
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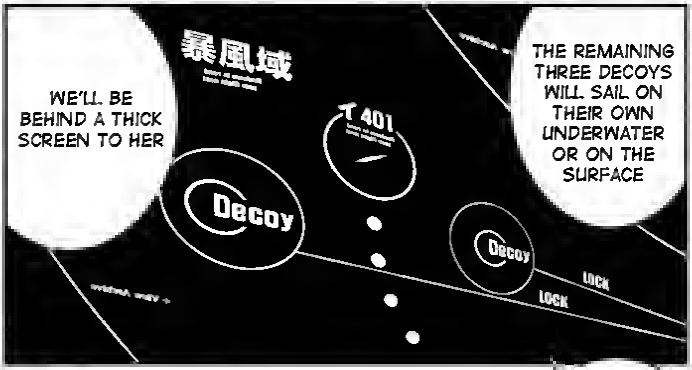
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WE'LL BE BEHIND A THICK SCREEN TO HER
THE REMAINING THREE DECOYS WILL SAIL ON THEIR OWN UNDERWATER OR ON THE SURFACE
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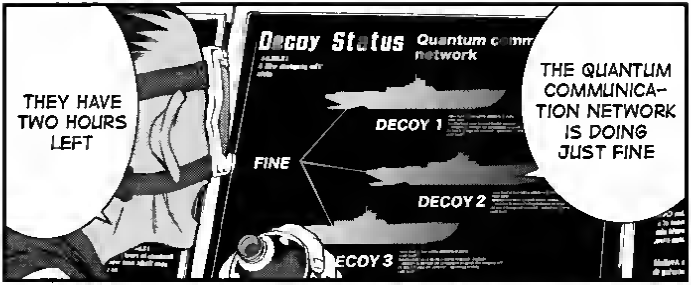
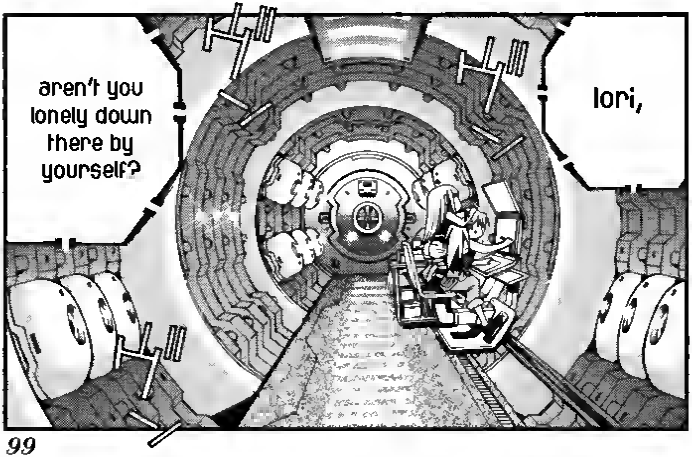
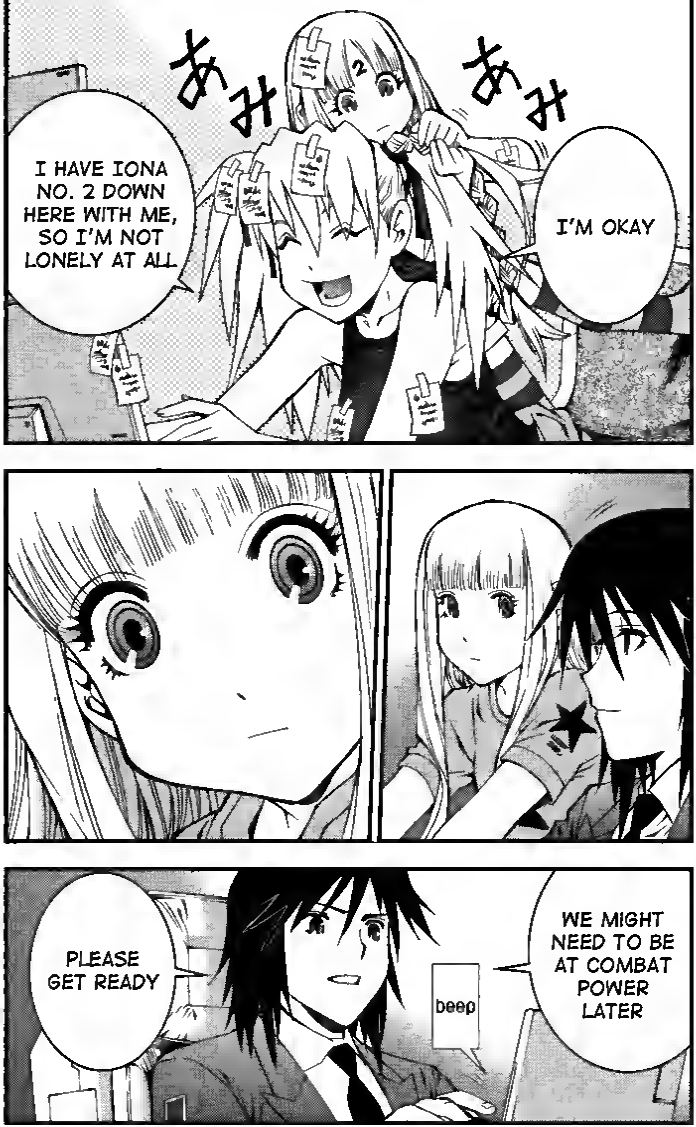
LOCK

SO WE'LL GET OUT OF TAKAO'S TERRITORY BEFORE THEN, HUH
EVEN IF SHE DETECTS US, SHE WON'T HAVE THE TIME TO FIGURE OUT WHICH ONE IS REAL ONE
KYOUHEI... HOW ARE THE DECOYS?


THEY HAVE TWO HOURS LEFT
Decoy Status
Quantum comm network
DECOY 1
FINE
DECOY 2
ECOY 3
THE QUANTUM COMMUNICATION NETWORK IS DOING JUST FINE

beep
WE'LL START WITH SOU'S PLAN
OKAY


aren't you lonely down there by yourself?
lori,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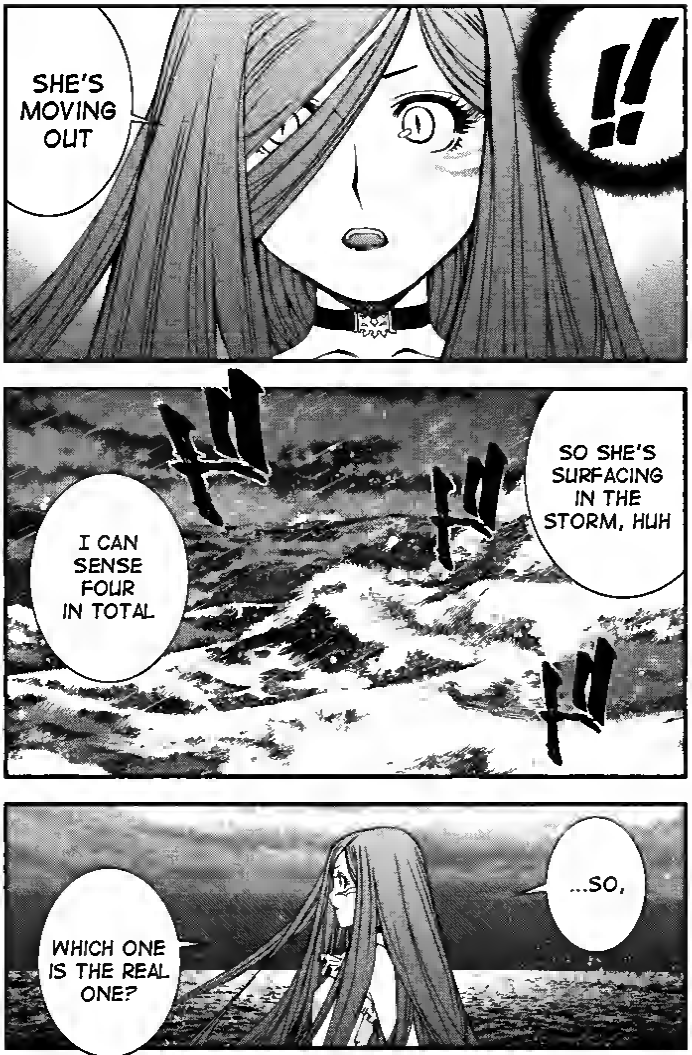
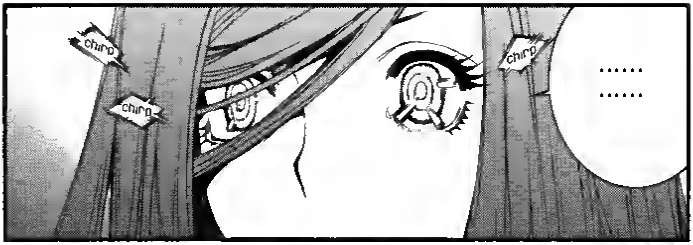
I HAVE IONA NO. 2 DOWN HERE WITH ME, SO I'M NOT LONELY AT ALL
I'M OKAY
beep
WE MIGHT NEED TO BE AT COMBAT POWER LATER
PLEASE GET READY

Communication switch
at full power in threeee~ minutes
I promise that we'll be
ROGER
LET'S GO!

Fleet of Fog Heavy Cruiser
Takao


SHE'S MOVING OUT
!!
SO SHE'S SURFACING IN THE STORM, HUH
I CAN SENSE FOUR IN TOTAL
...SO,
WHICH ONE IS THE REAL ONE?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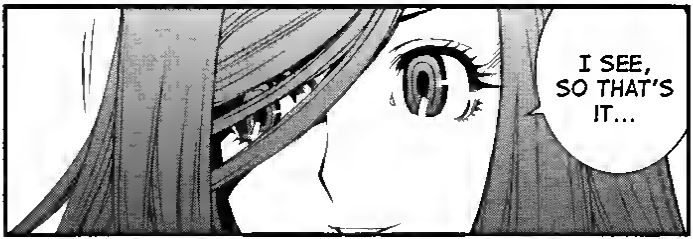
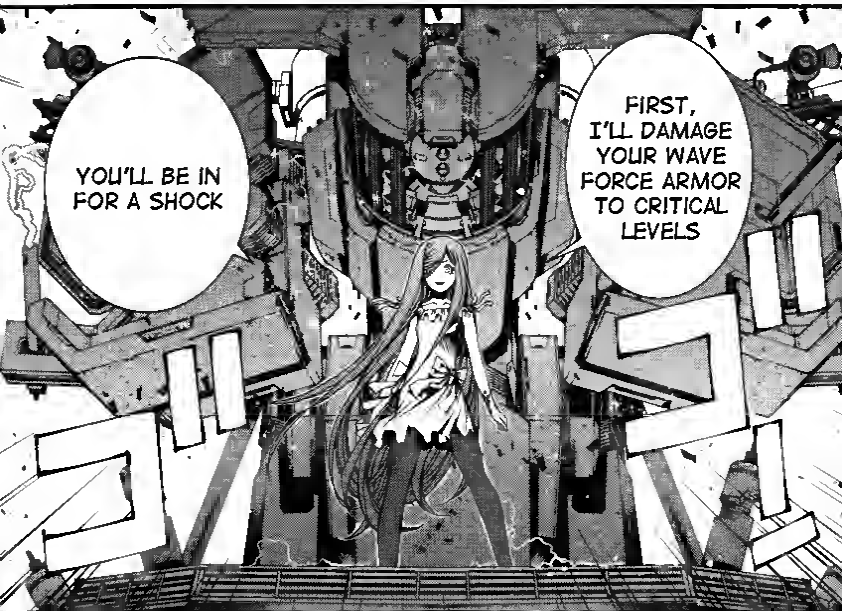

I SEE, SO THAT'S IT...


YOU'LL BE IN FOR A SHOCK
FIRST, I'LL DAMAGE YOUR WAVE FORCE ARMOR TO CRITICAL LEVELS

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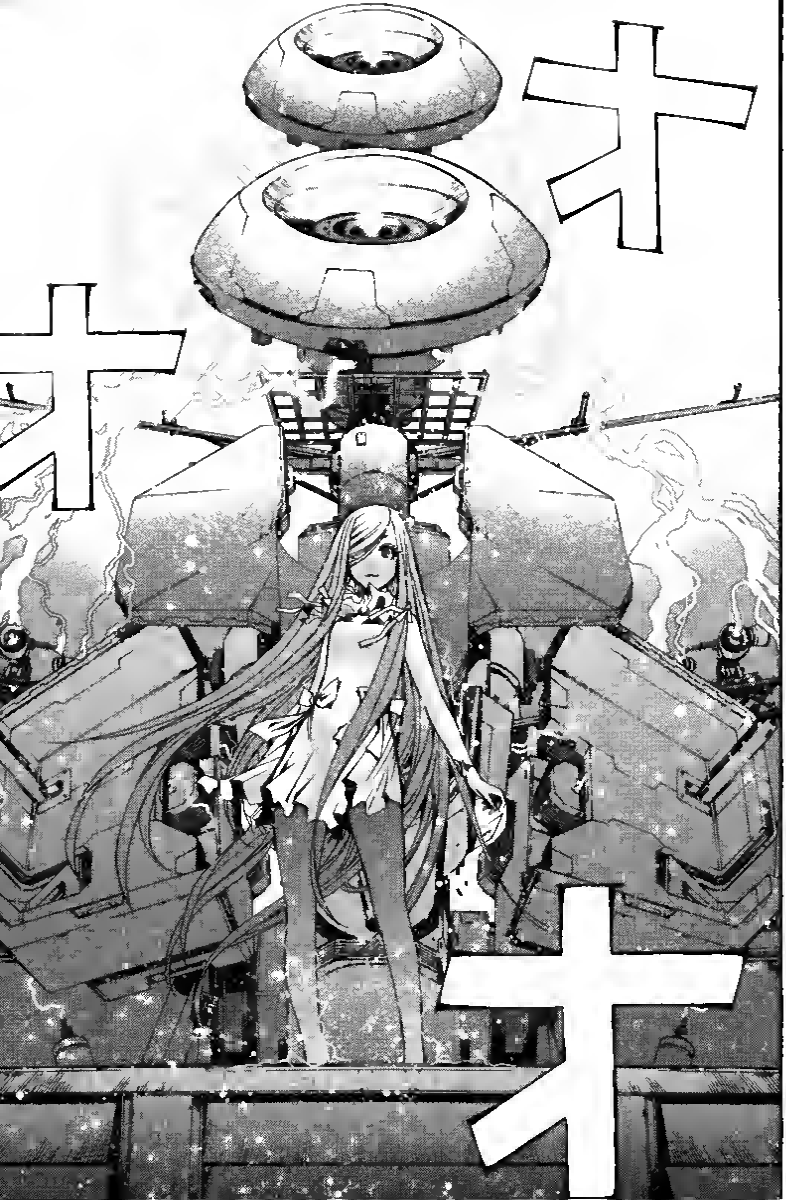
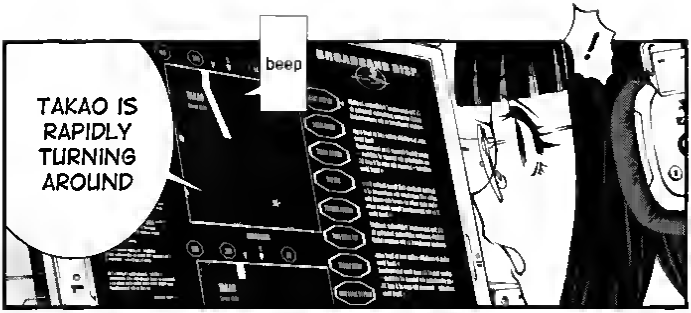
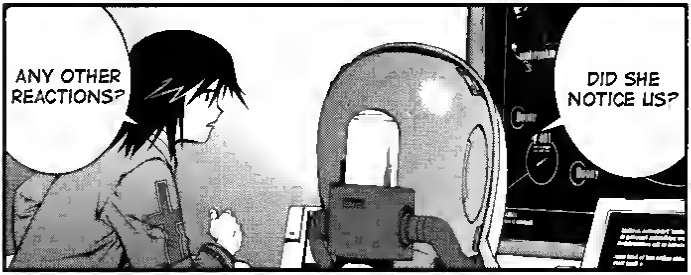
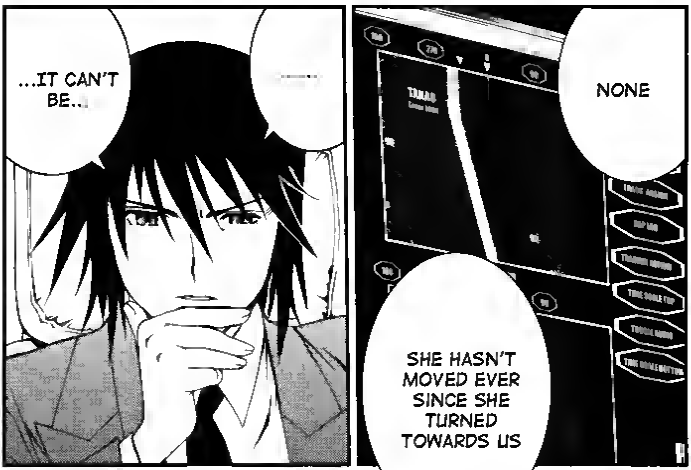
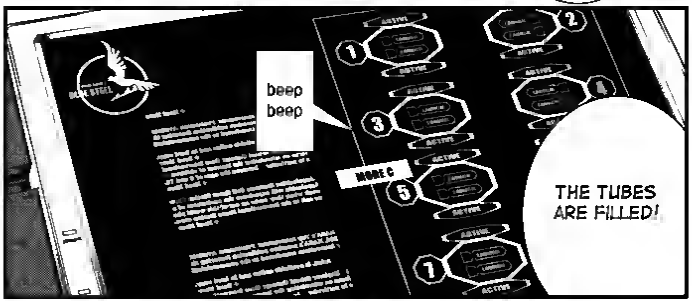


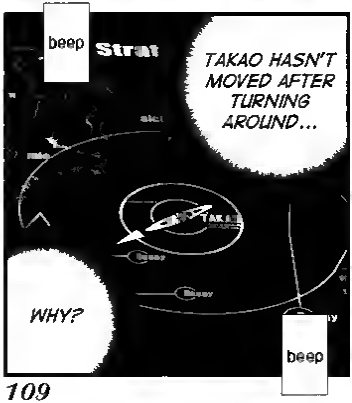

beep
TAKAO IS RAPIDLY TURNING AROUND
!

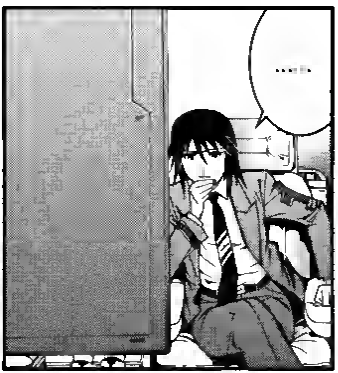

ANY OTHER REACTIONS?
DID SHE NOTICE US?

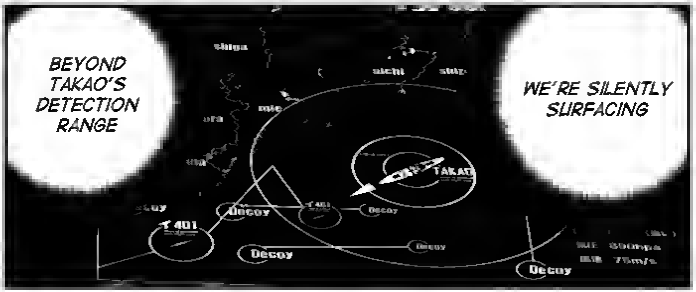

...IT CAN'T BE...
NONE
SHE HASN'T MOVED EVER SINCE SHE TURNED TOWARDS US

FILL THE REAR TORPEDO TUBES WITH PASSIVE DECOYS
FILL TUBES 1 THROUGH 3 WITH LOW FREQUENCY WARHEAD TORPEDOES
ROGER
AFTER THAT, OPEN ALL TUBES


beep
beep
THE TUBES ARE FILLED!


beep
Strat
TAKAO HASN'T MOVED AFTER TURNING AROUND...
WHY?
beep


...uh...


BEYOND TAKAO'S DETECTION RANGE
WE'RE SILENTLY SURFACING
TAKAO
T-401
Decoy
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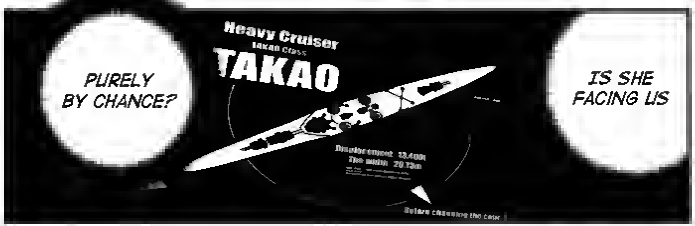
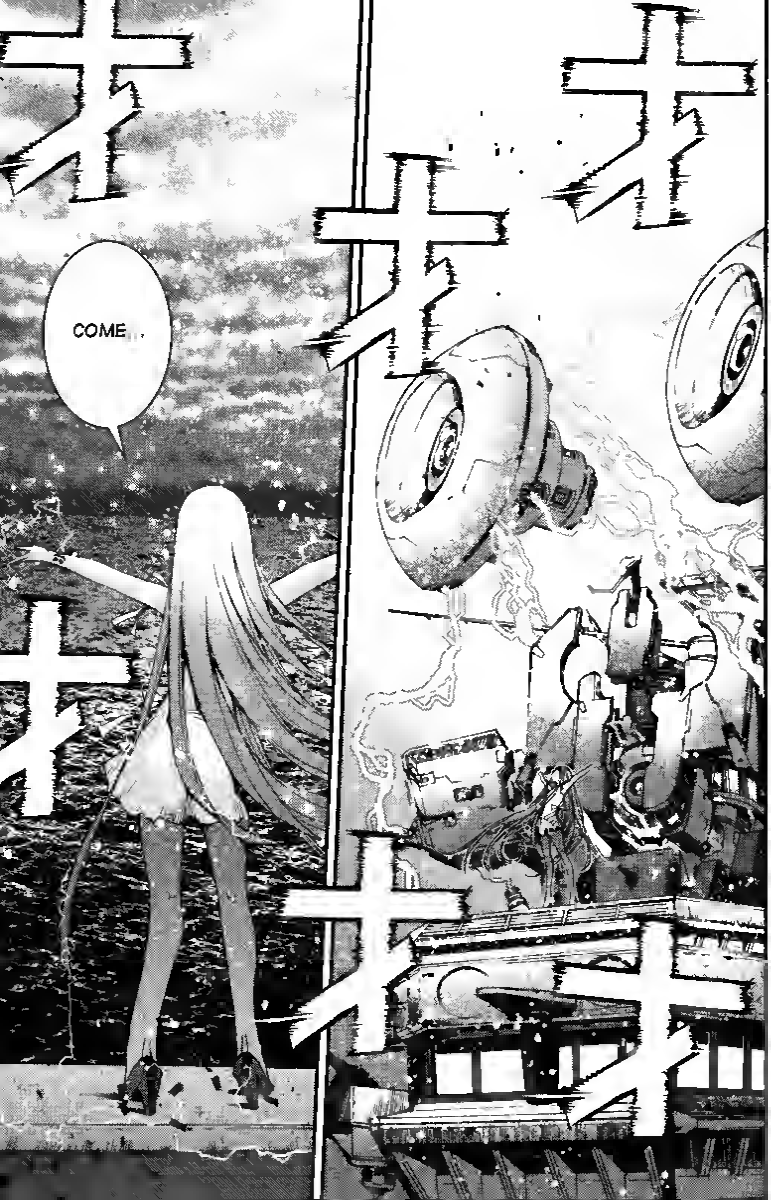
THERE SHOULD BE NO WAY THAT SHE COULD SENSE US..
IN THEORY,

WE WILL REACH THE SURFACE SOON
DEPTH 50

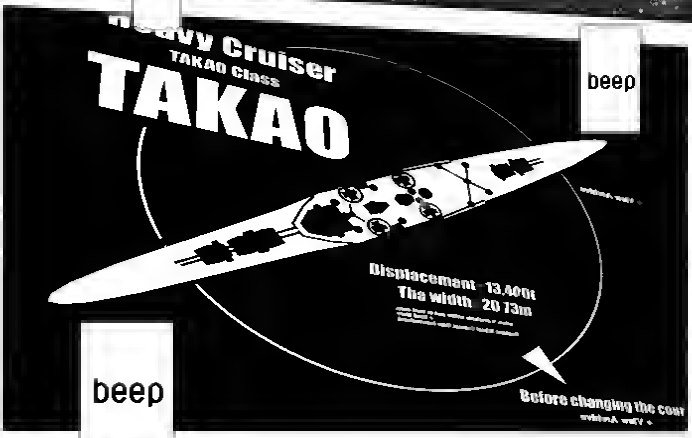

PURELY BY CHANCE?
Heavy Cruiser
TAKAO class
TAKAO
IS SHE FACING US


COME...

DON'T CHANGE YOUR COURSE...

TAKAO CLASS
TAKAO
Displacement 13,400t
The width 20.73m
beep
beep
beep
beep
beep

beep
DEPTH ZERO. WE'RE SURFACING NOW
beep


Heavy Cruiser
TAKAO class
TAKAO
beep
Displacement 13,400t
Tha width 20.73m
beep
Before changing the coor

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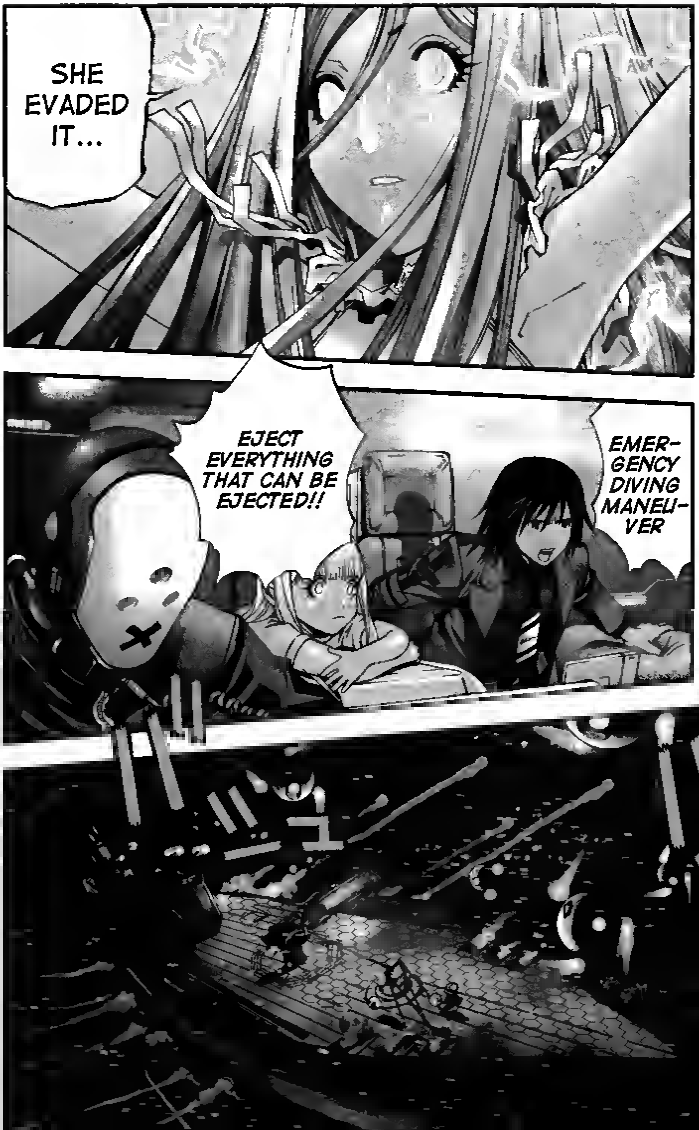
SHE'S HERE!

Depth.003／末

Depth.004
PORT!!

Deal 004


SHE EVADED IT...
EJECT EVERYTHING THAT CAN BE EJECTED!!
EMER-GENCY DIVING MANEU-VER

HOW...?
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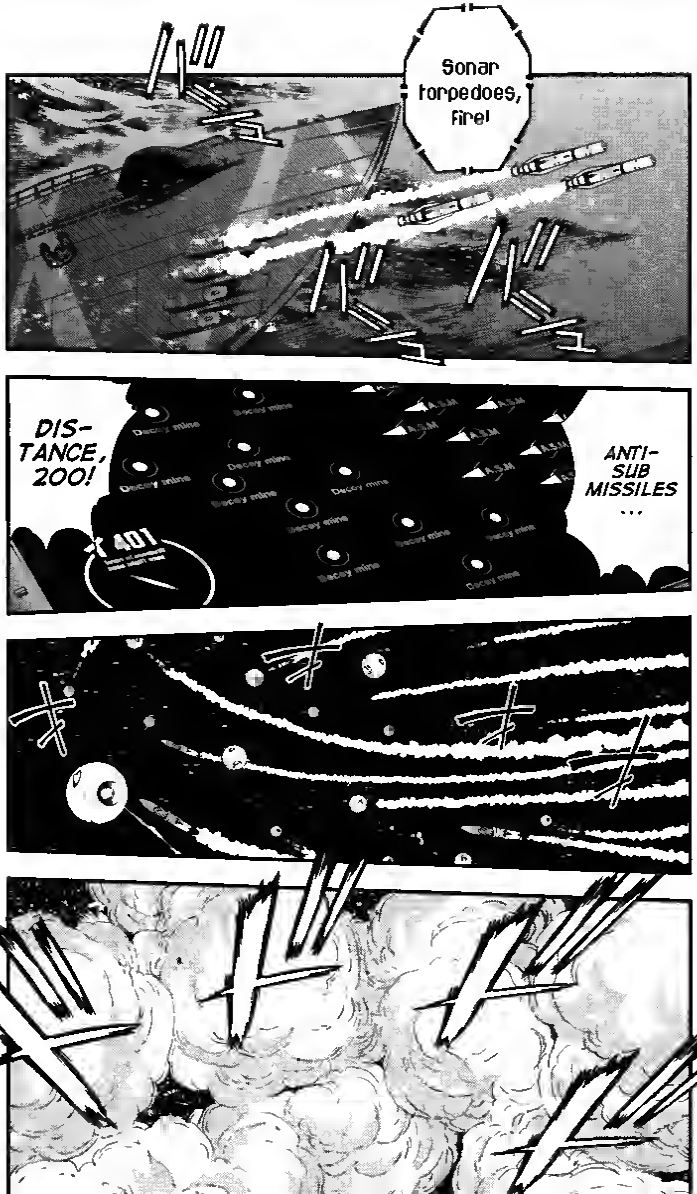
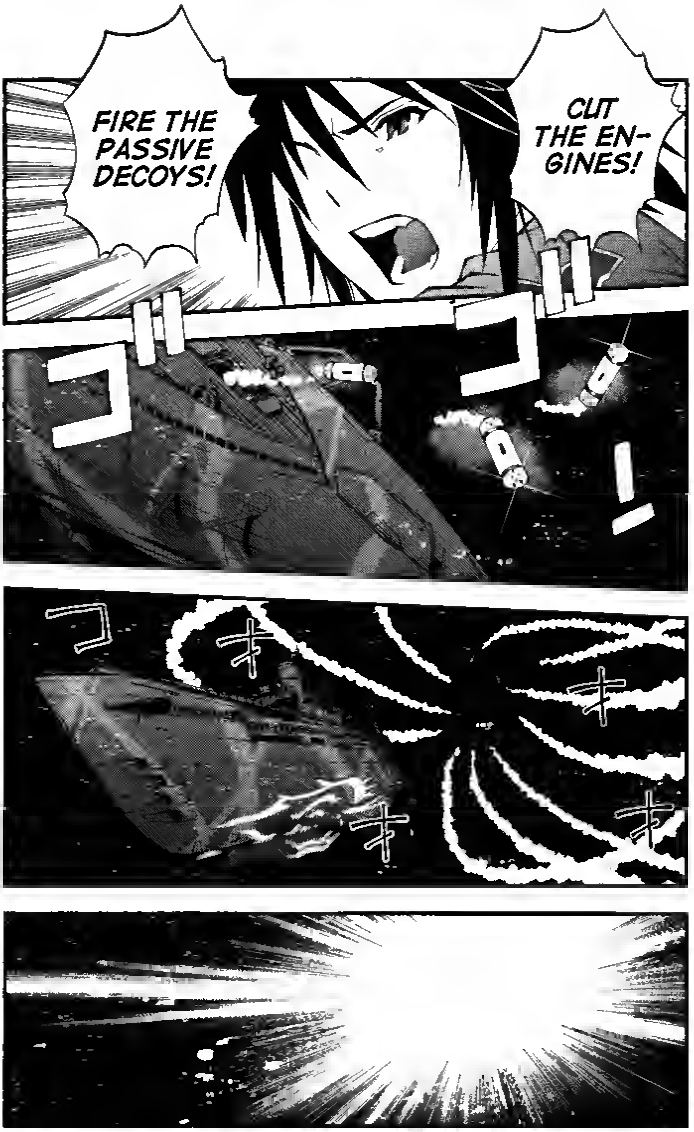
SHOULD HAVE BEEN PERFECT
18 ANTI-SUBMARINE MISSILES FROM TAKAO
FIRE THE SONAR TORPEDOES IN TUBES 1~3! SET THEM TO DETONATE IN 7 SECONDS! STIR UP THE WATERS!
MISSILE SEPARATION SOUND CONFIRMED! THERE'S NOW 54 MISSILES!
GET THE PASSIVE DECOYS READY IN 8 SECONDS!


Sonar torpedoes, fire!
DIS-TANCE, 200!
Decoy mine
ASM
401
ANTI-SUB MISSILES ...

ACTIVATE THE ANTI-MISSILE SYSTEM!
HOLD THEM OFF UNTIL THE SONAR TORPEDOES DETONATE!
5 SECONDS TILL DETONATION!
4!
3!

!
2!
SHIZUKA! MUTE YOUR HEAD-PHONES!
1!


FIRE THE PASSIVE DECOYS!
CUT THE ENGINES!
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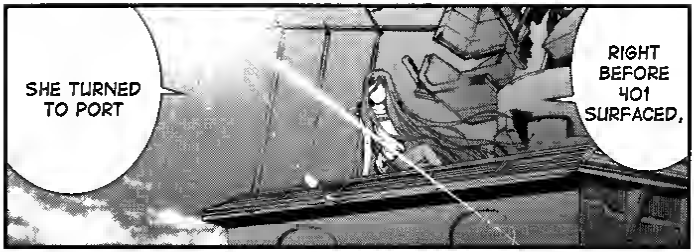
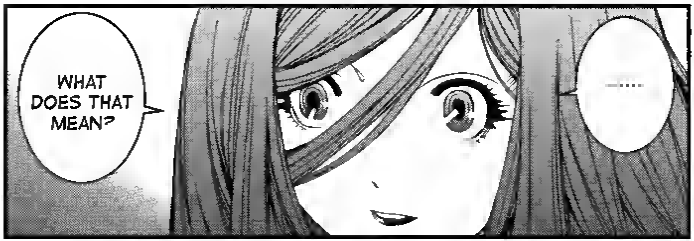
...I LOST HER...?
WELL, THAT'S FINE
IF SHE MOVES OUT, I'LL KNOW RIGHT AWAY
I'LL KEEP ON OB-SERVING
...BUT,


SHE TURNED TO PORT
RIGHT BEFORE 401 SURFACED.


WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
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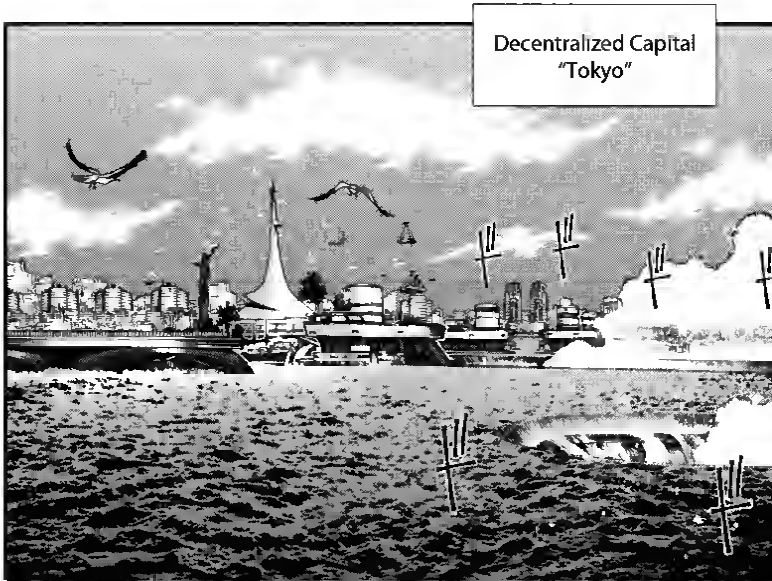
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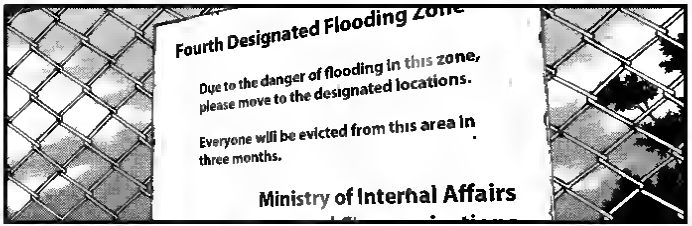
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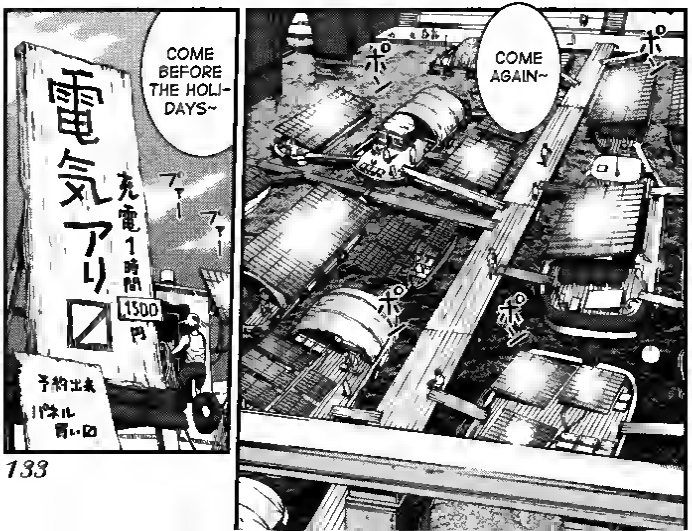
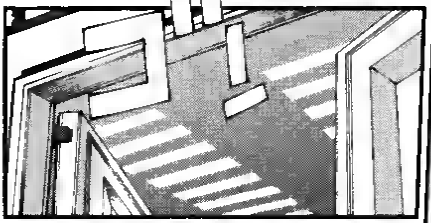


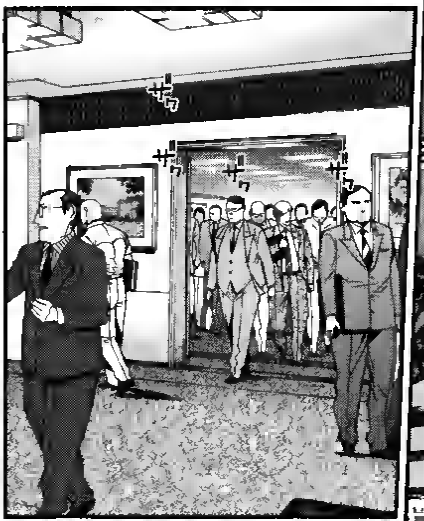
Have Power

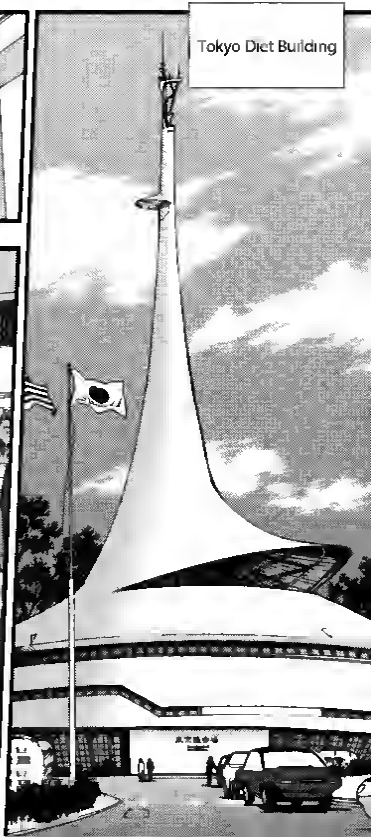
Charge for an hour: 1500 yen

Can Preorder

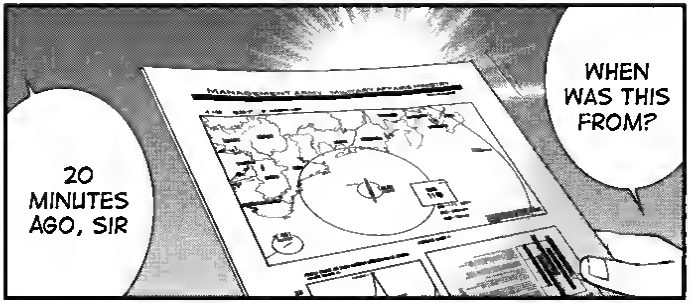
Buy Panels

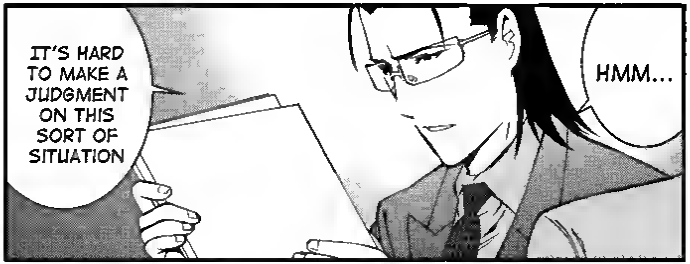


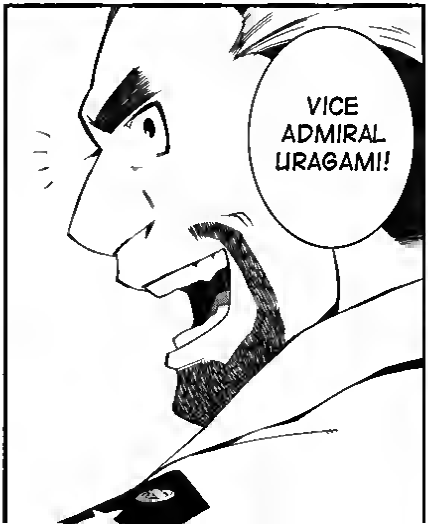



Tokyo Diet Building

ASSISTANT SECRETARY KAMIKAGE
AT THIS, SIR
EXCUSE ME, BUT PLEASE TAKE A LOOK
!


WHEN WAS THIS FROM?
20 MINUTES AGO, SIR


HMM...
IT'S HARD TO MAKE A JUDGMENT ON THIS SORT OF SITUATION

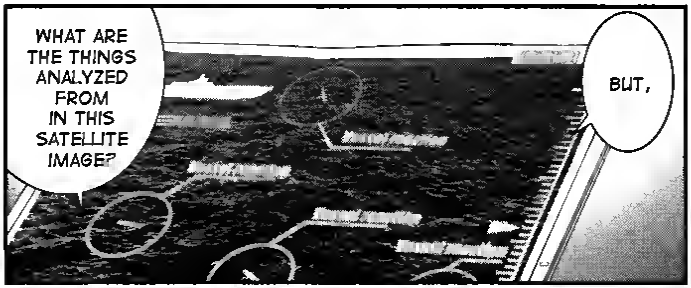

VICE ADMIRAL URAGAMI!

...AND THAT'S WHAT HAP-PENED!
HA
HA
HA

IF YOU COULD TAKE A LOOK AT THIS AND GIVE ME YOUR OPINION
I WOULD BE HONORED ...
IF IT ISN'T KAMIKAGE! WHAT'S THE MATTER?
OHH
WHAT'S THIS...?
...?
FOR THAT
THE TACTICAL DATA FOR THE 401, WHICH I WANT TO USE

I SEE
.....
.....
CAN CERTAINLY BE INFLUENCED BY THE WEATHER
THE DETECTION RANGE OF A SURFACE SHIP
"キョロ"
I AM UNABLE TO SORT OUT THIS SITUATION MYSELF
SHE CLASHED WITH A HEAVY CRUISER IN THE WATERS CLOSE TO NAGOYA 20 MINUTES AGO
ELECTRO-MAGNETIC SENSORS ARE WEAKER IN THE RAIN
ESPE-CIALLY OPTICAL..
HMMM... I WOULD SAY THAT SHE TRIED TO USE THE TYPHOON AS HER COVER

THIS IS WHAT I CALL GAMBLING!
THEY MUST BE OVER-FLOWING WITH YOUTH!
HA
HA
HA
EVEN THEN,


WHAT ARE THE THINGS ANALYZED FROM IN THIS SATELLITE IMAGE?
BUT,

HEADING NORTH TO YOKOSUKA RIGHT NOW
THE 401 SHOULD BE...
AND THE OTHER ONES ARE DECOYS
WE THINK THAT ONE OF THEM IS THE 401

IT PAINS ME TO SAY THAT AS A SOLIDER
THE SHIPS OF FOG ARE SHROUDED BY TOO MANY MYSTERIES

OUR "SUPER-CAVITATION TORPEDOES" ARE USELESS AGAINST THEM... WE CAN ONLY TRUST IN THEM, RIGHT?
THE 401'S CREW IS MORE EXPERIENCED ...BESIDES,

?

RYOUKAN KITA, HUH...
HE'S THE TOP CANDIDATE FOR THE NEXT PRIME MINISTER

YES
WAS HE OPPOSED TO YOUR PROJECT?
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..WELL,
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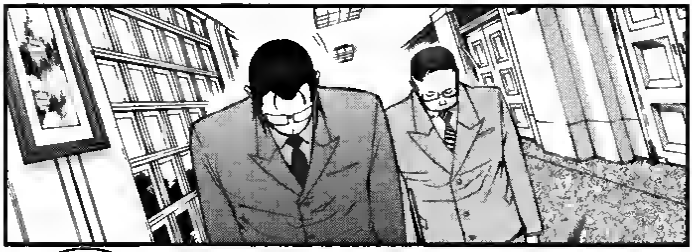
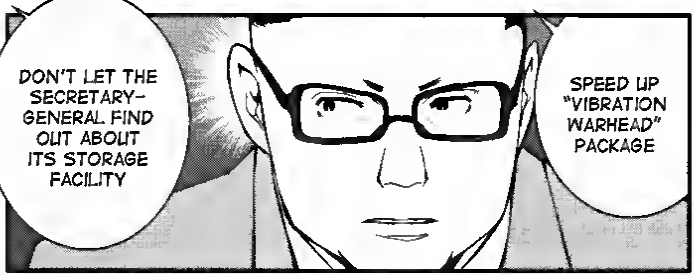
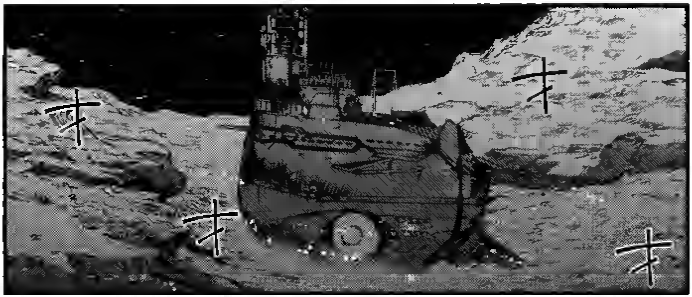
AT THE VERY LEAST, YOU SHOULD HOLD YOUR HEAD UP HIGH
IT MUST BE TOUGH TO BE WATCHED BY ANOTHER POLITICIAN



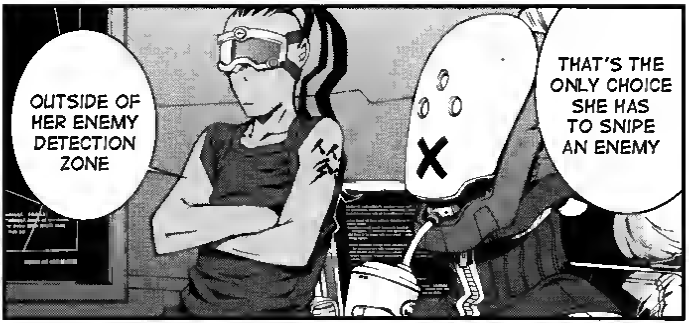

DON'T LET THE SECRETARY-GENERAL FIND OUT ABOUT ITS STORAGE FACILITY
SPEED UP "VIBRATION WARHEAD" PACKAGE

ALSO,
CONTACT PROFESSOR OSAKABE
YES, SIR



CAN'T BELIEVE THAT SHE WOULD SUDDENLY FIRE HER TRUMP CARD AT US
GOOD GRIEF

AMONG THE WEAPONS ON BOARD A TAKAO-CLASS HEAVY CRUISER,
THAT HAS THE GREATEST RANGE OF THEM ALL.


OUTSIDE OF HER ENEMY DETECTION ZONE
THAT'S THE ONLY CHOICE SHE HAS TO SNIPE AN ENEMY

THAT'S THE PROBLEM
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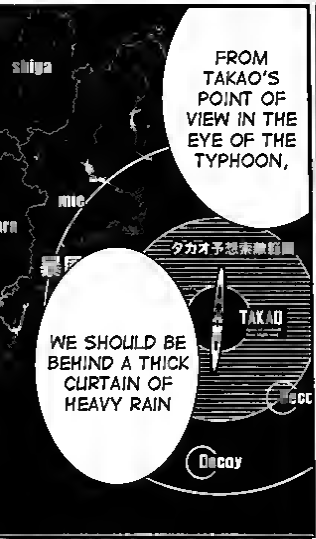
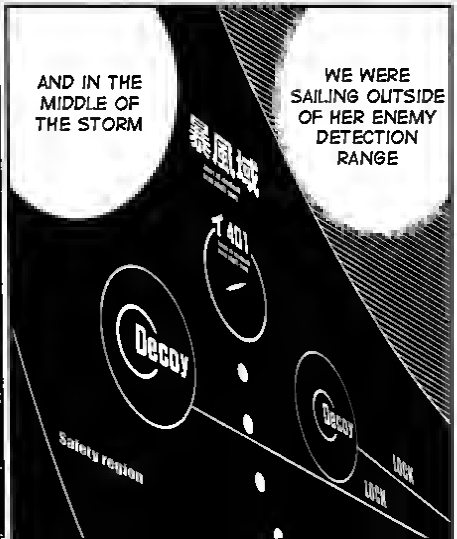
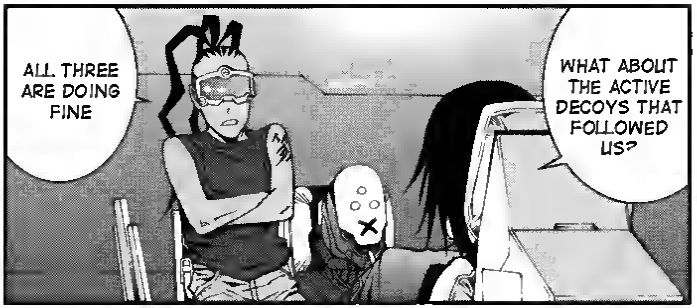
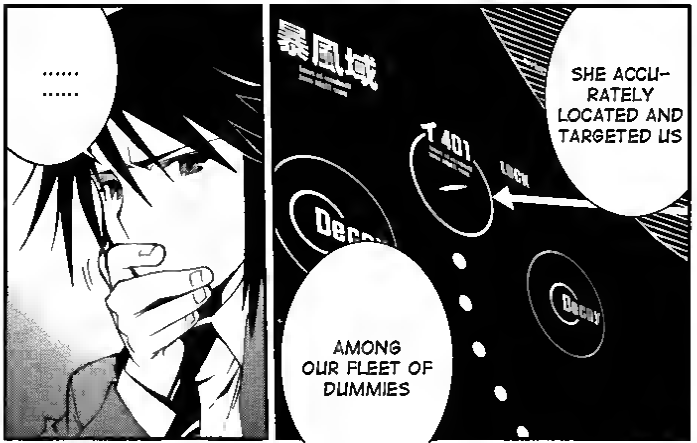

FROM TAKAO'S POINT OF VIEW IN THE EYE OF THE TYPHOON,
WE SHOULD BE BEHIND A THICK CURTAIN OF HEAVY RAIN
TAKAO
Decoy


AND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STORM
WE WERE SAILING OUTSIDE OF HER ENEMY DETECTION RANGE
401
Decoy
Decoy
Safety region
LOCK
LOCK


ALL THREE ARE DOING FINE
WHAT ABOUT THE ACTIVE DECOYS THAT FOLLOWED US?

AND IN A SITUATION THAT MAKES IT MORE DIFFICULT TO USE OPTICAL SENSORS...
OUTSIDE OF HER DETECTION RANGE...
WHICH MEANS THAT SHE DIDN'T HAVE ANY DOUBTS WHEN SHE ATTACKED US.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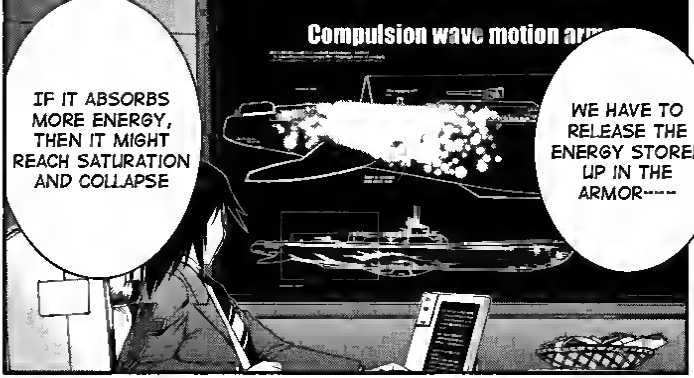
Decoy
SHE ACCURATELY LOCATED AND TARGETED US
AMONG OUR FLEET OF DUMMIES

WE WERE CAREFUL IN LET OUR DECOYS PROCEED UNDERWATER
WHILE WE SAIL ON THE SURFACE TO TRY TO OUTWIT HER, BUT...
THIS IS AN UNIMAGI-NABLE SITUATION
OUR WAVE FORCE ARMOR IS ALMOST AT CRITICAL
ALL THANKS TO THE SUPERHEAVY CANNON,
HOW MUCH DAMAGE DID WE TAKE?
can't talk any more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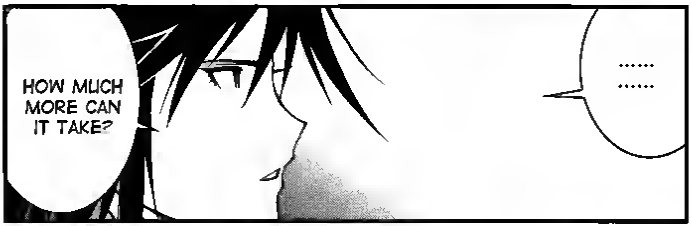
IF IT ABSORBS MORE ENERGY, THEN IT MIGHT REACH SATURATION AND COLLAPSE
WE HAVE TO RELEASE THE ENERGY STORED UP IN THE ARMOR~~~


HOW MUCH MORE CAN IT TAKE?
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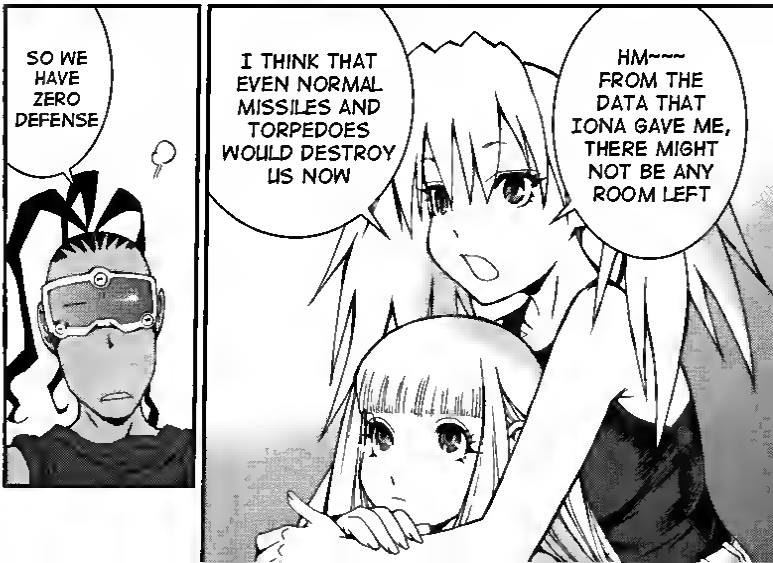
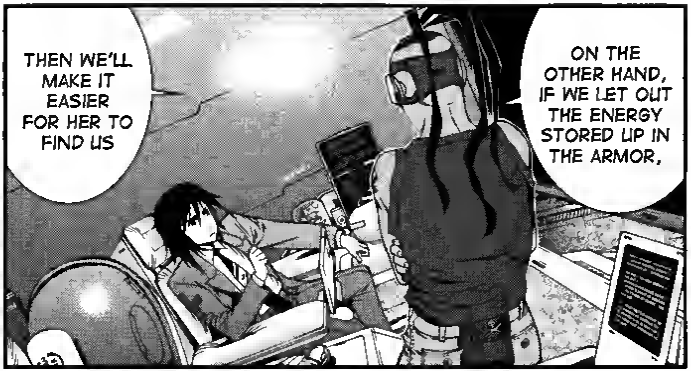
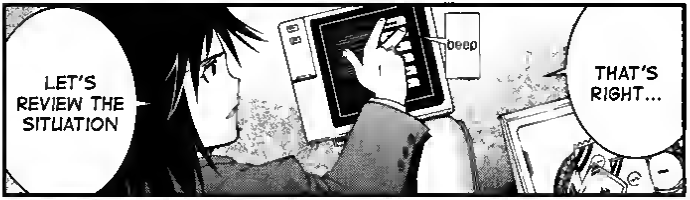
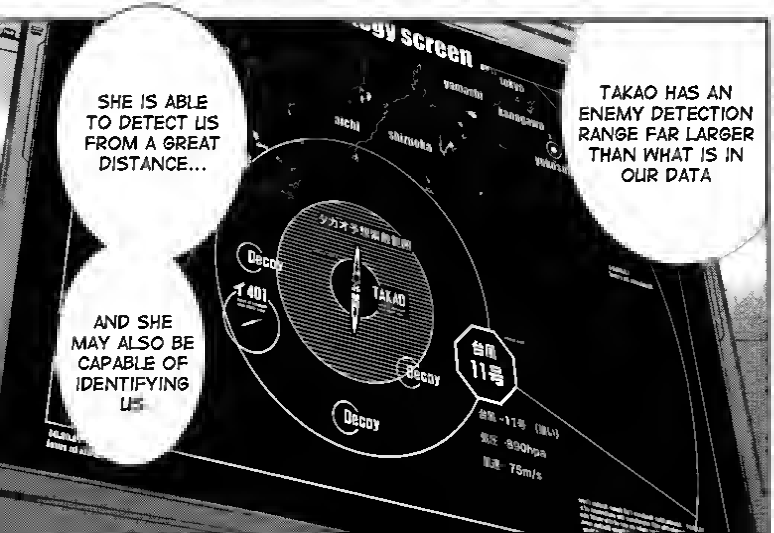

SO WE HAVE ZERO DEFENSE
I THINK THAT EVEN NORMAL MISSILES AND TORPEDOES WOULD DESTROY US NOW
HM~~~ FROM THE DATA THAT IONA GAVE ME, THERE MIGHT NOT BE ANY ROOM LEFT


THEN WE'LL MAKE IT EASIER FOR HER TO FIND US
ON THE OTHER HAND, IF WE LET OUT THE ENERGY STORED UP IN THE ARMOR,


LET'S REVIEW THE SITUATION
beep
THAT'S RIGHT...


SHE IS ABLE TO DETECT US FROM A GREAT DISTANCE...
AND SHE MAY ALSO BE CAPABLE OF IDENTIFYING US
TAKAO HAS AN ENEMY DETECTION RANGE FAR LARGER THAN WHAT IS IN OUR DATA
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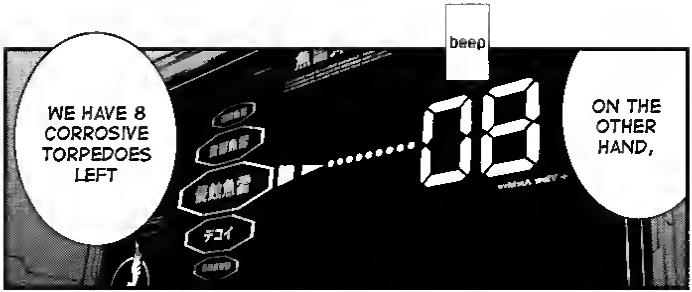
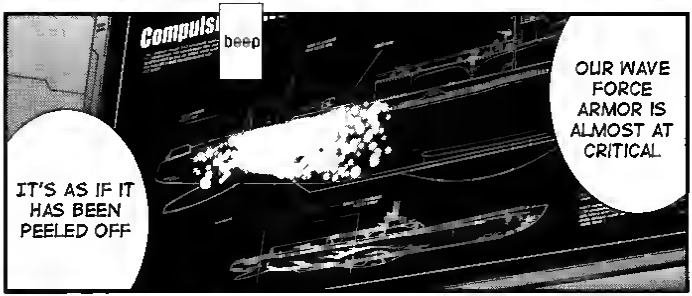
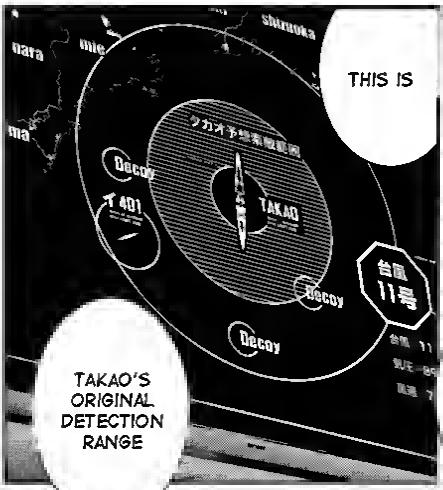

beep
WE HAVE 8 CORROSIVE TORPEDOES LEFT
08
ON THE OTHER HAND,


beep
IT'S AS IF IT HAS BEEN PEELED OFF
OUR WAVE FORCE ARMOR IS ALMOST AT CRITICAL


Shizuoka
THIS IS
TAKAO
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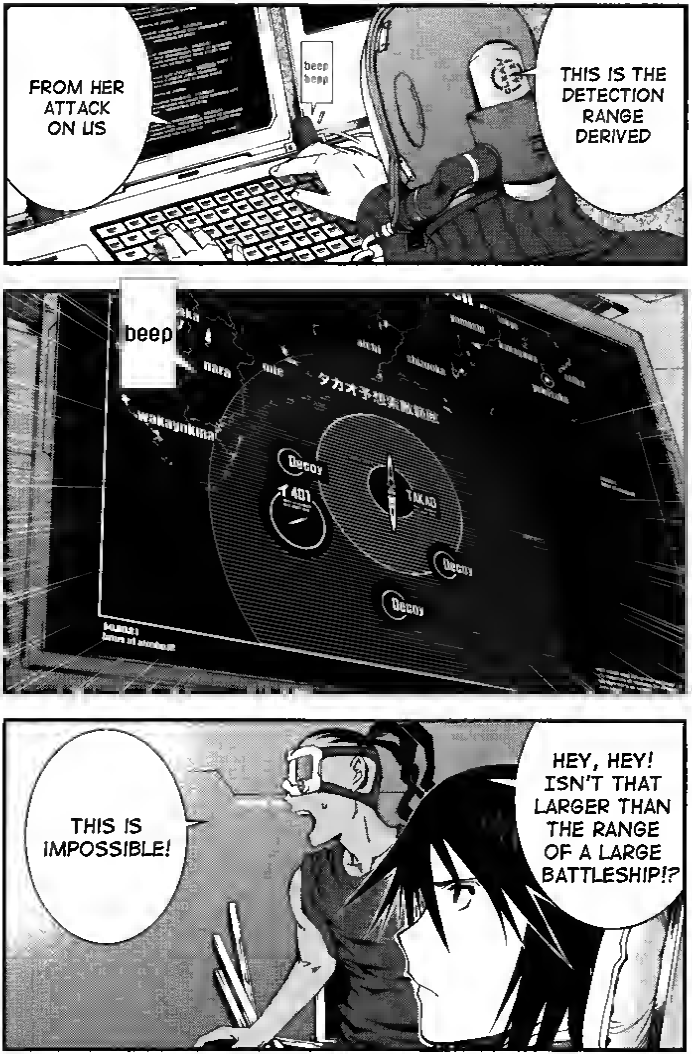
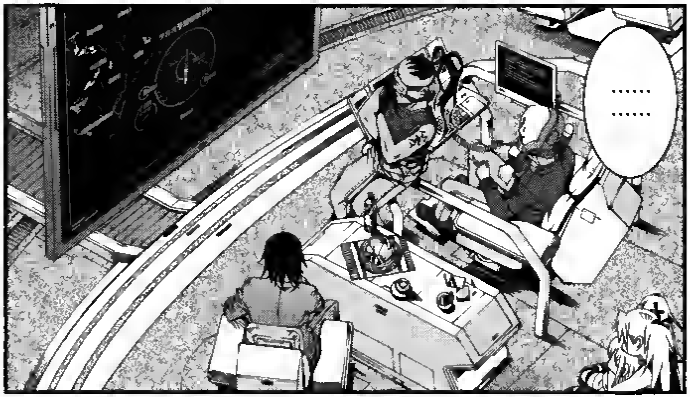
TAKAO'S ORIGINAL DETECTION RANGE

WHETHER WE PROCEED OR GO BACK
WE'LL HAVE TO GET OUT OF TAKAO'S DETECTION RANGE


FROM HER ATTACK ON US
beep beep
THIS IS THE DETECTION RANGE DERIVED
beep
Decoy
T.M.A3
Decoy
Decoy
THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE!
HEY, HEY! ISN'T THAT LARGER THAN THE RANGE OF A LARGE BATTLESHIP!?

BUT SHE REALLY DID DETECT,
IDENTIFY,
...AND SNIPE US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IT'S OUT THERE
ONE MORE SHIP

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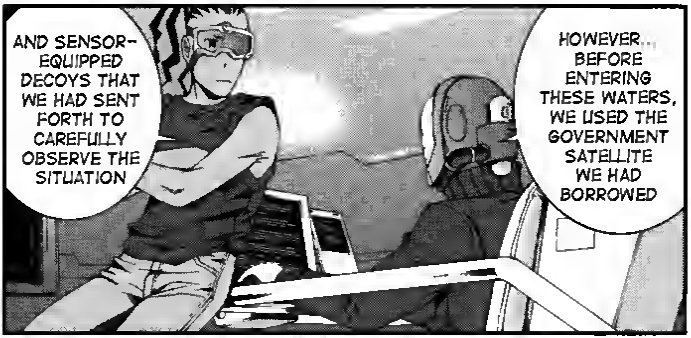

AND SENSOR-EQUIPPED DECOYS THAT WE HAD SENT FORTH TO CAREFULLY OBSERVE THE SITUATION
HOWEVER... BEFORE ENTERING THESE WATERS, WE USED THE GOVERNMENT SATELLITE WE HAD BORROWED

AND THEIR DETECTION RANGE IS TOP NOTCH
THEY HAVE HIGH STEALTH CAPABILITIES
WHAT IF IT WAS A SURVEY SUBMARINE ...
WE DIDN'T SENSE ANY SHIP OTHER THAN TAKAO

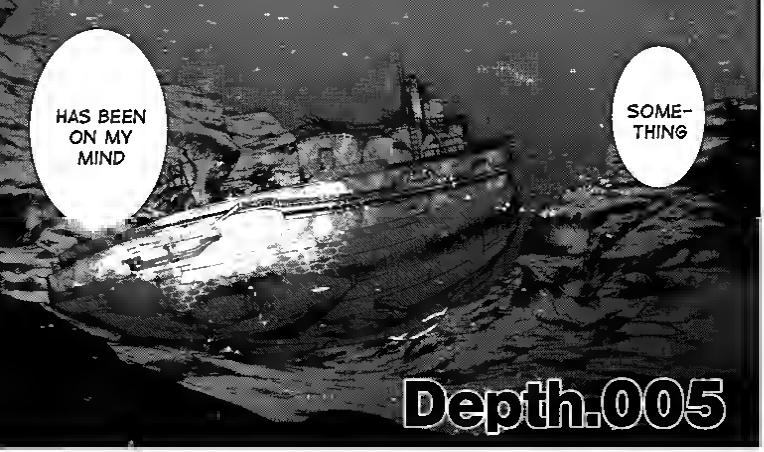
IF YOU WANT THE RAW, UNANALYZED DATA
THOSE SONAR TORPEDOES... CAN YOU PUT UP THE SONAR DATA FROM THEIR DETONATION?
click
PLEASE
beep

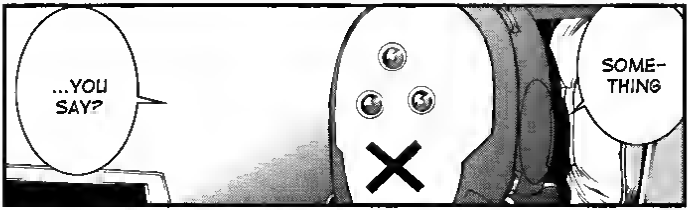
WHEN SONAR TORPEDOES DETONATE,
ECHOES SHOULD COME BACK LIKE RESPONSES TO A PING...
BUT OTHER THAN TAKAO'S ECHO, NONE OF THEM LOOK LIKE A SHIP
THE REST ARE ALL ECHOES FROM THE OCEAN FLOOR. HUH...

...SOME-
WHERE
IN THIS,

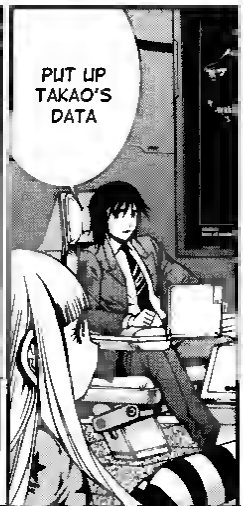
THERE
SHOULD

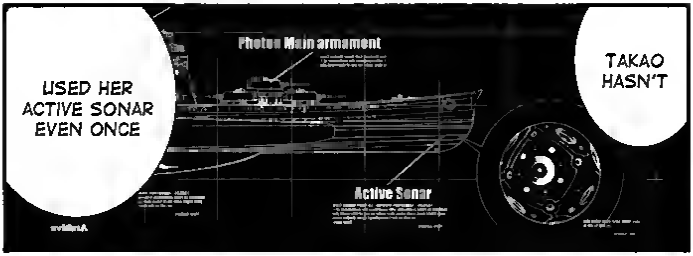
BE ONE
MORE
Depth.004／弐


HAS BEEN ON MY MIND
SOME-THING
Depth.005


...YOU SAY?
SOME-THING

Cruiser
TAKAO Class
" TAKAO "
beep
BLUE STEEL
Data is being displayed.
The data of heavy cruiser Takao is approached.

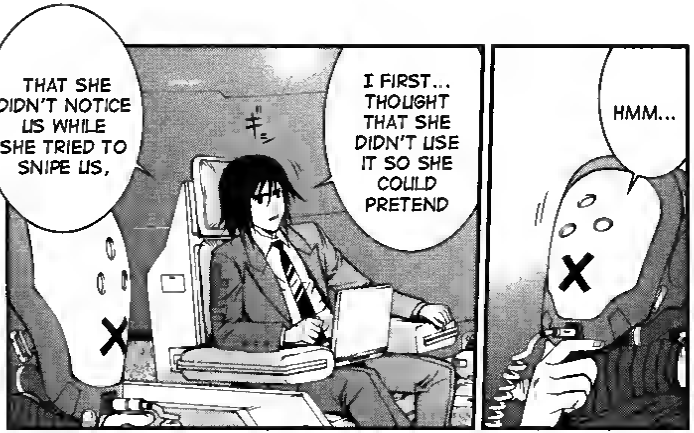

PUT UP TAKAO'S DATA


Photon Main armament
Active Sonar
TAKAO HASN'T
USED HER ACTIVE SONAR EVEN ONCE

WHEN A SURFACE SHIP WANTS TO SEARCH FOR A SUBMARINE,
THERE'S NOTHING THAT IS AS EFFECTIVE AS THAT

IT'S NORMAL PRACTICE FOR A SURFACE SHIP
TO FREQUENTLY LOOK FOR SUBMARINES WITH HER ACTIVE SONAR

BESIDES, THE ONE WHO WANTS TO HIDE
IS US AND NOT HER


THAT SHE DIDN'T NOTICE US WHILE SHE TRIED TO SNIPE US,
I FIRST... THOUGHT THAT SHE DIDN'T USE IT SO SHE COULD PRETEND
HMM...

BUT EVEN AFTER HER HAND HAD BEEN EXPOSED, SHE'S STILL SILENT
nara
aichi
shizuoka
yokohama
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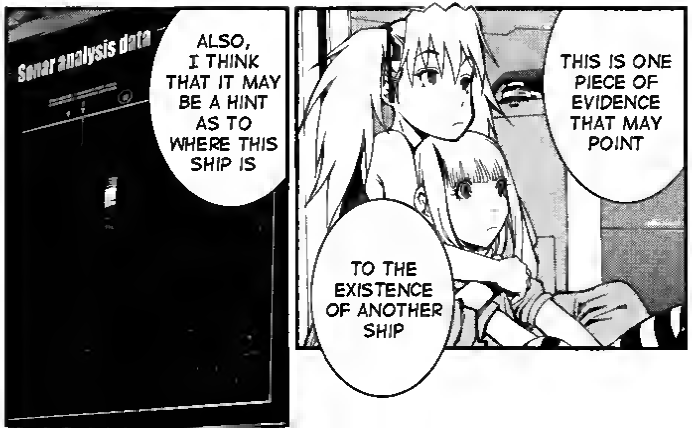
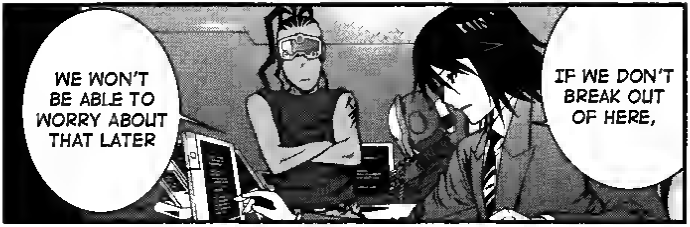
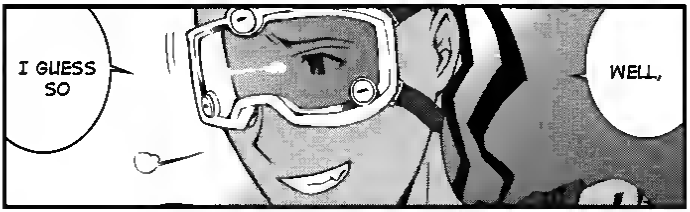
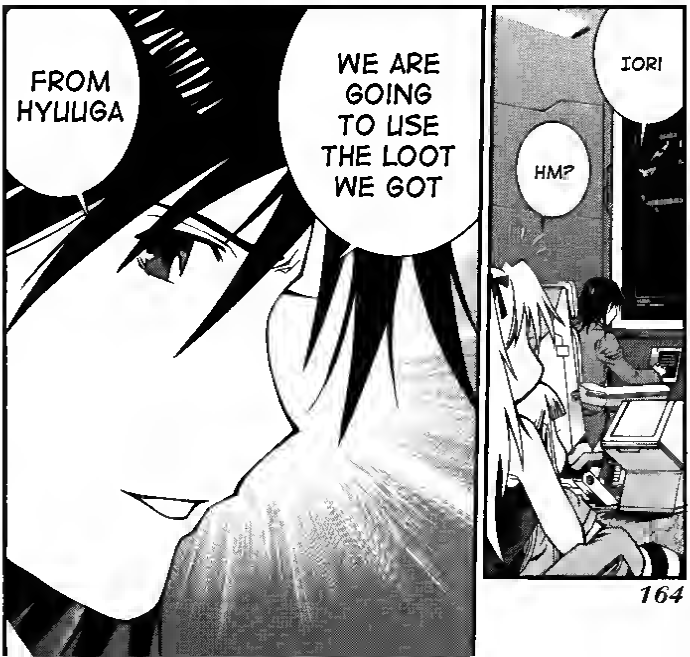

Sonar analysis data
ALSO, I THINK THAT IT MAY BE A HINT AS TO WHERE THIS SHIP IS
THIS IS ONE PIECE OF EVIDENCE THAT MAY POINT
TO THE EXISTENCE OF ANOTHER SHIP

I SEE
NOW I CAN SEE WHY TAKAO IS ALWAYS POSITIONING HERSELF
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TYPHOON
THERE'S A REASON TO WHY SHE CAN'T MOVE FROM THERE...
SHE'S HIDING THE OTHER SHIP FROM OUR SONAR
!
WE'RE PICKING UP THE SOUND OF TAKAO MOVING
HER COURSE AND POSITION REMAINS THE SAME
RIGHT IN THE CENTER OF THE EYE

...WHAT DO WE DO?
SO? NOW THAT WE HAVE A THEORY
IT SEEMS THAT WE'RE IN LUCK
BECAUSE WE FOLLOWED THE TYPHOON UP NORTH
SHE ONLY CAME INTO OUR SONAR RANGE
WE'LL SURPRISE HER THIS TIME
THEORIES EXIST TO BE PROVEN
THOSE EIGHT ARE VALUABLE, YOU KNOW?
ARE YOU SURE?
THREE CORROSIVE TORPEDOES
WE'LL USE..


IF WE DON'T BREAK OUT OF HERE,
WE WON'T BE ABLE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT LATER


WELL,
I GUESS SO


IORI
HM?
WE ARE GOING TO USE THE LOOT WE GOT
FROM HYUUGA

HUH!? WE STILL HAVEN'T TESTED THAT
OUTSIDE OF IONA'S SIMULA-TIONS, RIGHT?
I KNOW
I'M COUNTING ON YOU
THAT FACE... IT DOESN'T MATTER
WHETHER I'M AGAINST IT OR NOT, HUH
JEEZ.. HE MAY NOT LOOK LIKE IT,
BUT OUR CAPTAIN IS A GAMBLER
PUUUU~ UUB!!
PUUU~

...IONA
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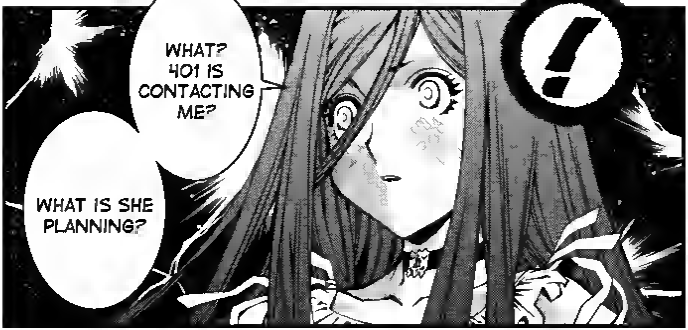
ピッ
I REMEMBER THAT YOU SAID THAT MENTAL MODELS
ONLY EXIST ON HEAVY CRUISERS OR ABOVE .. RIGHT?
DOES TAKAO
HAVE A MENTAL MODEL?
TAKAO
UM~~~
Chirp
Chirp
Chirp


WHAT? 401 IS CONTACTING ME?
WHAT IS SHE PLANNING?
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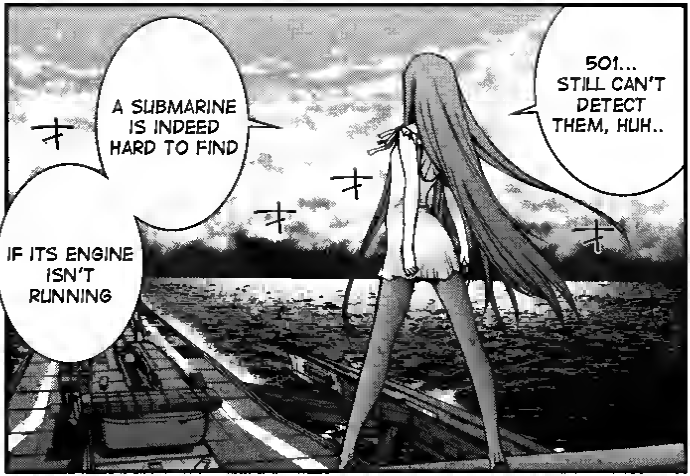
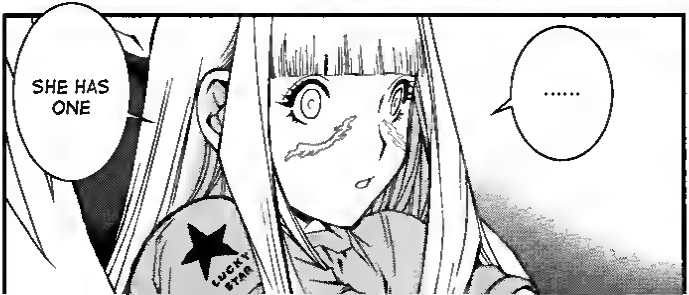

501... STILL CAN'T DETECT THEM, HUH..
A SUBMARINE IS INDEED HARD TO FIND
IF ITS ENGINE ISN'T RUNNING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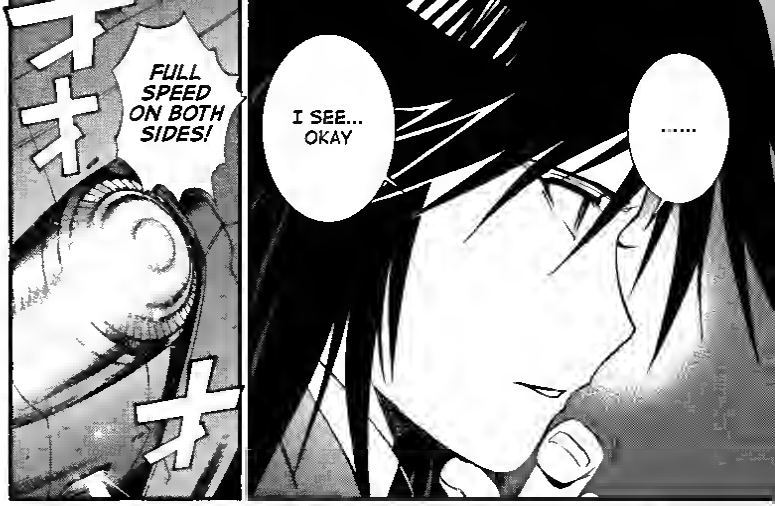
SHE HAS ONE
LUCKY STAR


FULL SPEED ON BOTH SIDES!
I SEE... OKAY
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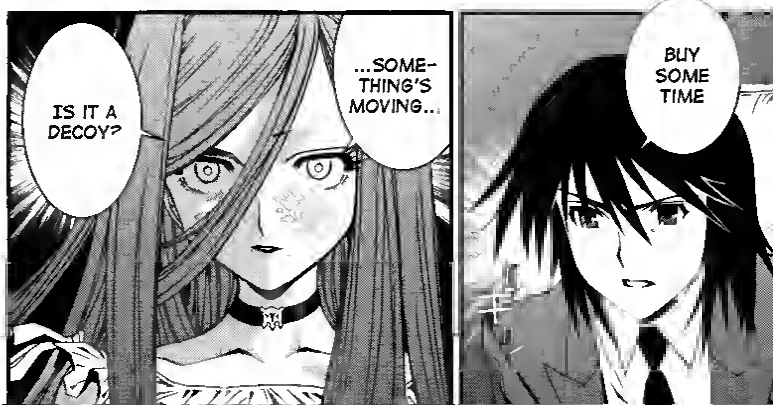
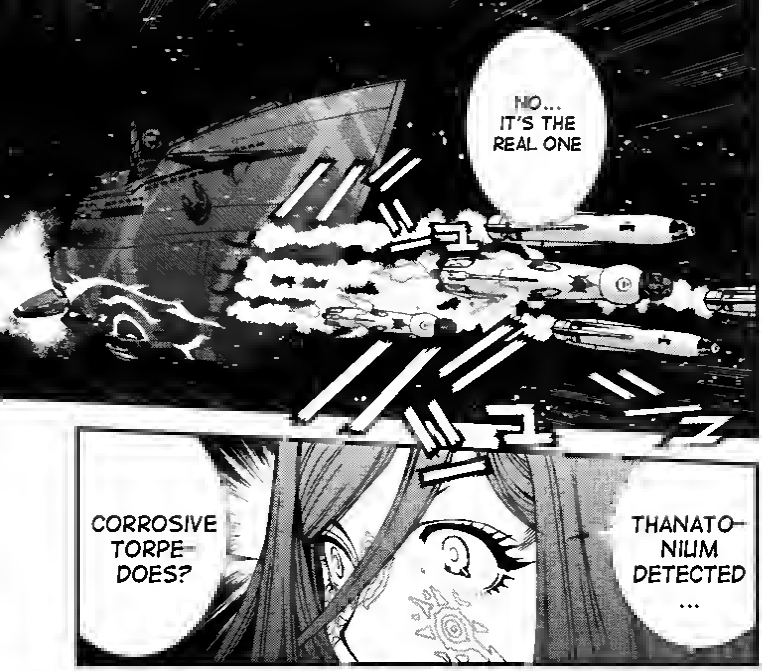
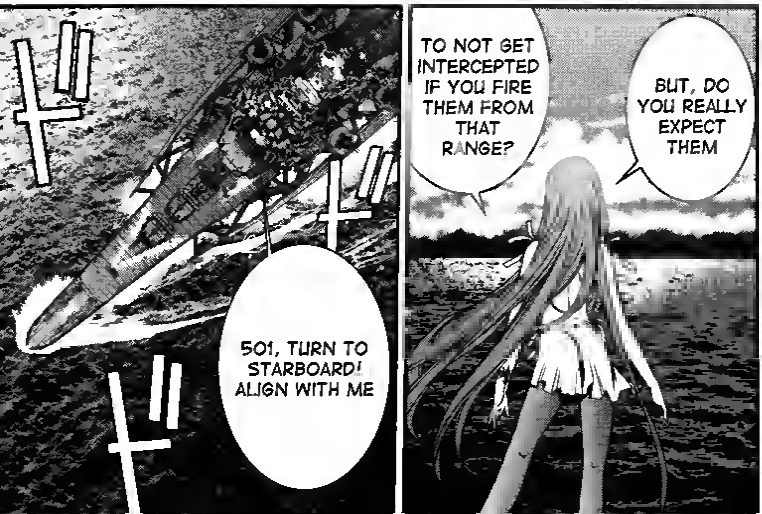
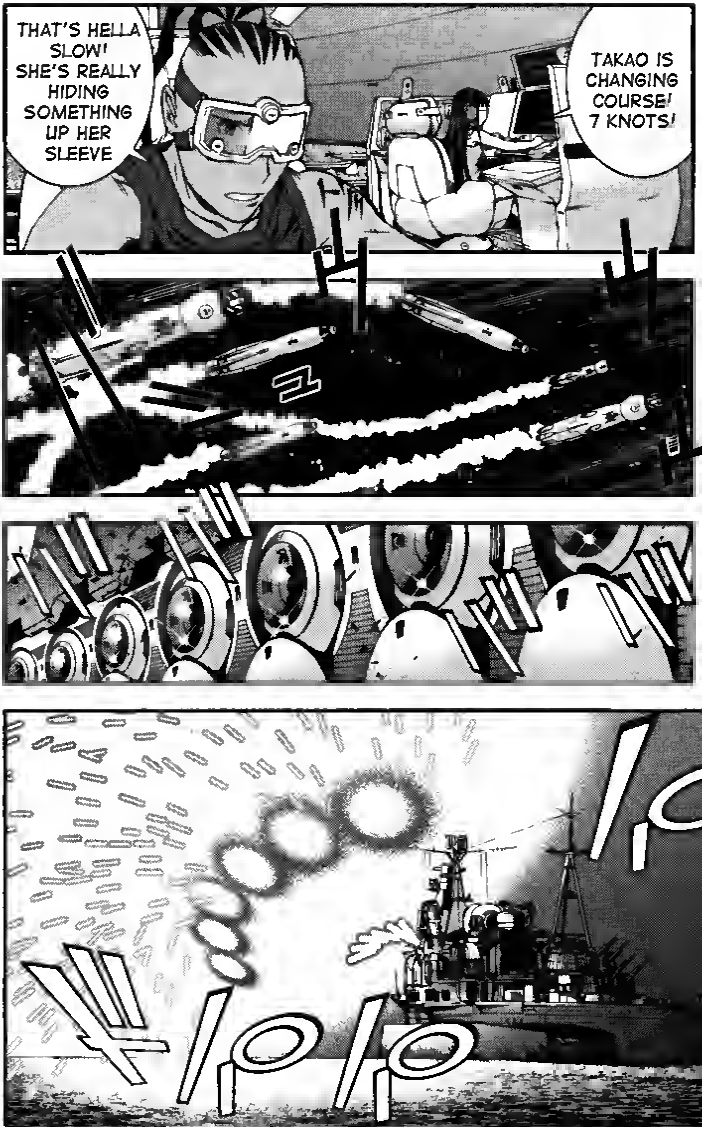
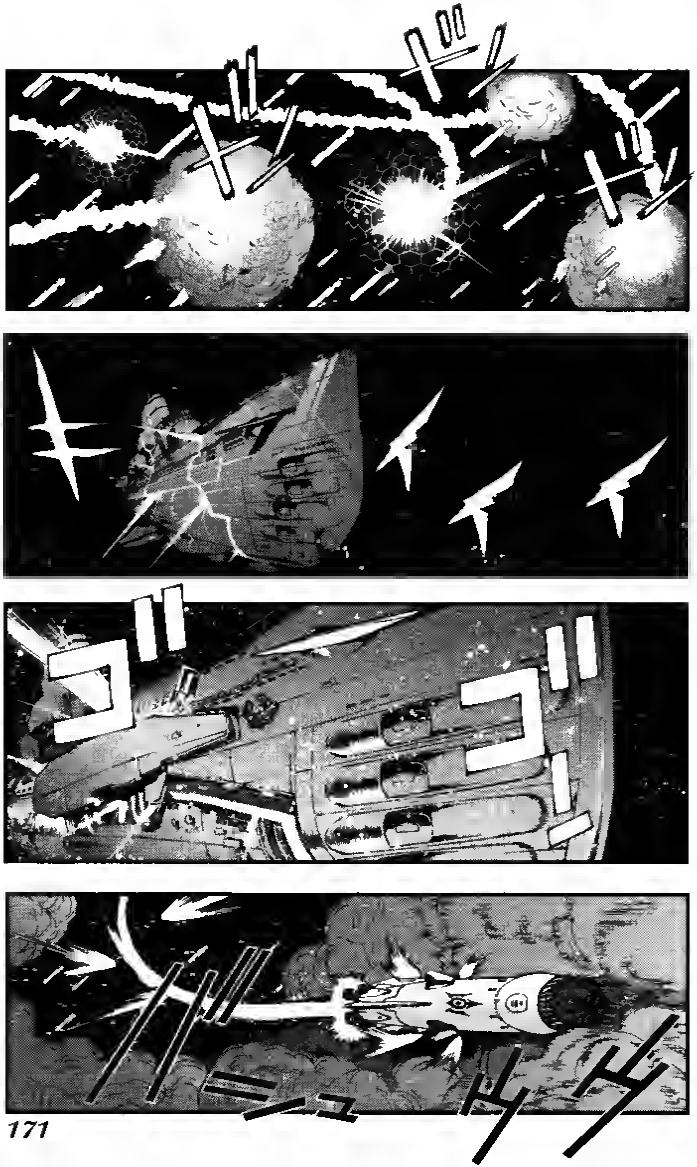
ROGER
I'LL LEAVE THE FIRING PATTERN UP TO YOU!
15 SECONDS LATER, FIRE SOME NORMAL TORPEDOES ALONG WITH THE CORROSIVE TORPEDOES!


IS IT A DECOY?
...SOMETHING'S MOVING...
BUY SOME TIME


NO... IT'S THE REAL ONE
CORROSIVE TORPE- DOES?
THANATO- NIUM DETECTED ...


501, TURN TO STARBOARD! ALIGN WITH ME
TO NOT GET INTERCEPTED IF YOU FIRE THEM FROM THAT RANGE?
BUT, DO YOU REALLY EXPECT THEM


THAT'S HELLA SLOW! SHE'S REALLY HIDING SOMETHING UP HER SLEEVE
TAKAO IS CHANGING COURSE! 7 KNOTS!
2
10
10
10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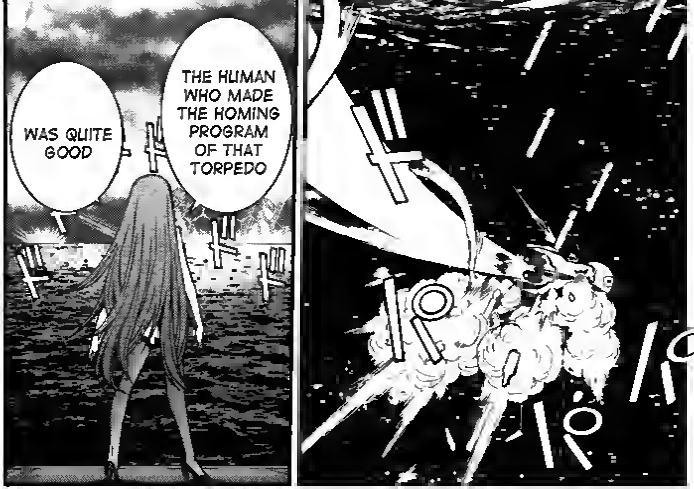
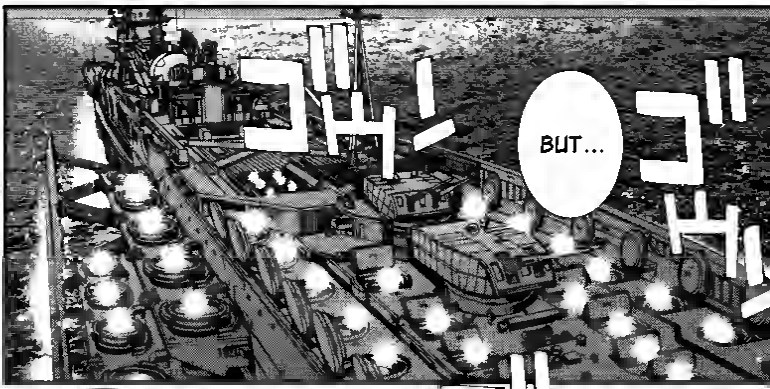

THE HUMAN WHO MADE THE HOMING PROGRAM OF THAT TORPEDO
WAS QUITE GOOD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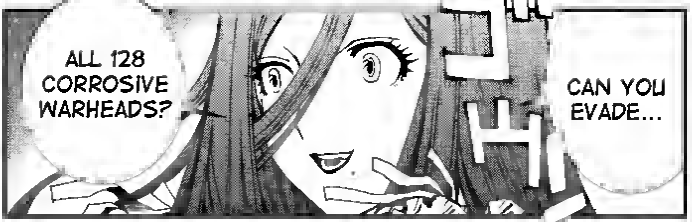
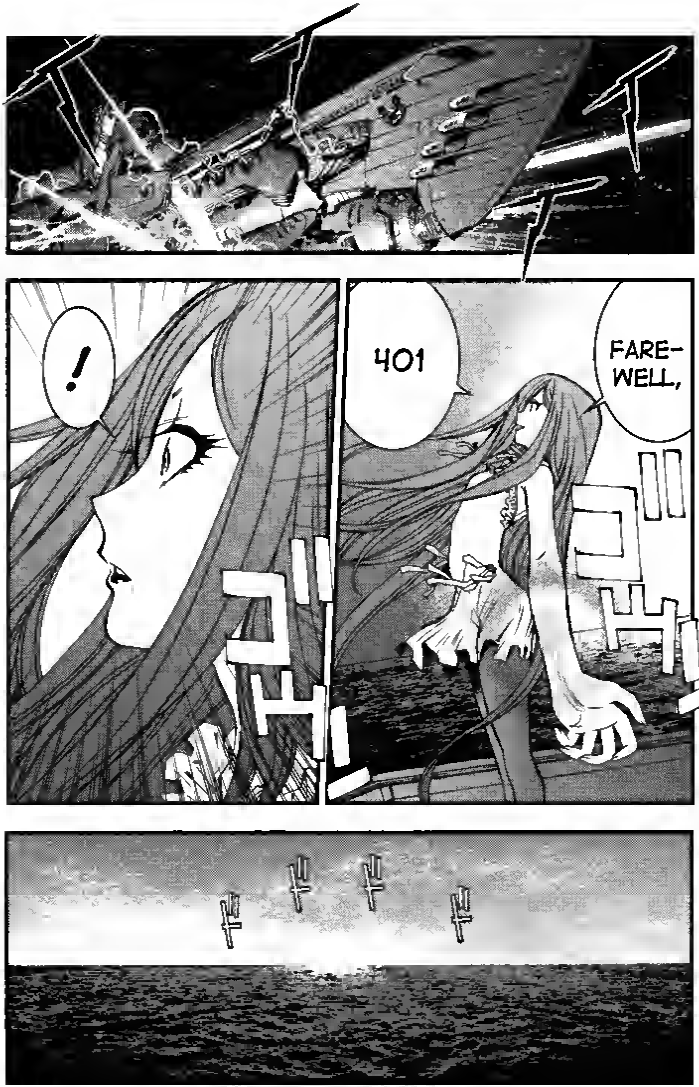
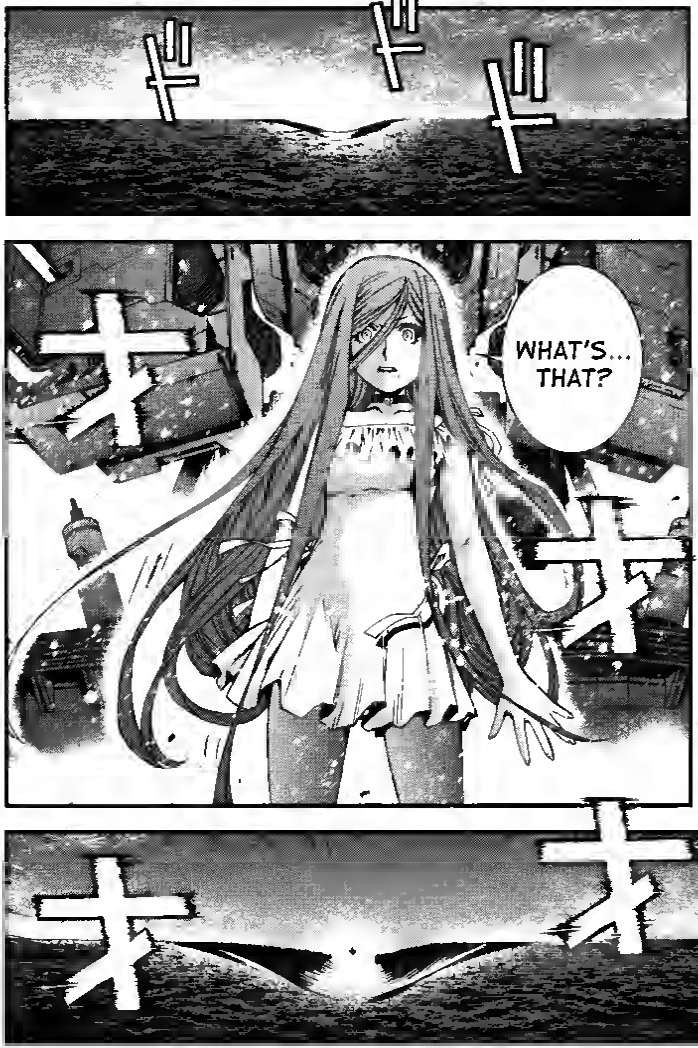

ALL 128 CORROSIVE WARHEADS?
CAN YOU EVADE...


FARE-
WELL,
401
!


WHAT'S... THAT?

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ギュイン
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501! EMERGENCY EVASIVE ACTION! SEVER ALL CONTACT!
ONLY BATTLESHIPS SHOULD HAVE SUPERHEAVY CANNONS THAT COULD CAUSE DISTORTIONS IN SPACE...
!
IS THAT
FROM HYUU-GA!?

LOCKING ON TO TAKAO IN THE FIRING AXIS!
THEY OVER-LAPPED TO LOOK LIKE ONE SHIP
ADJUST OUR PITCH DOWN BY 3 DEGREES!
WE GOT HER!
JUST LISTEN TO ME! HURRY!
WE ONLY HAVE ONE SHOT!
THEN WHAT ABOUT TAKAO!?

SHE GOING TO GET AWAY!
KLEIN FIELD DETECTED!
TAKAO'S ENGINE IS AT FULL POWER! WAVE FORCE ARMOR AT MAX!
I CAN'T KEEP ALL OF THIS ENERGY FLOWING!
HURRY UP!
FIRE THE SUPER-GRAVITA-TION CANNON!!
DAMMIT!

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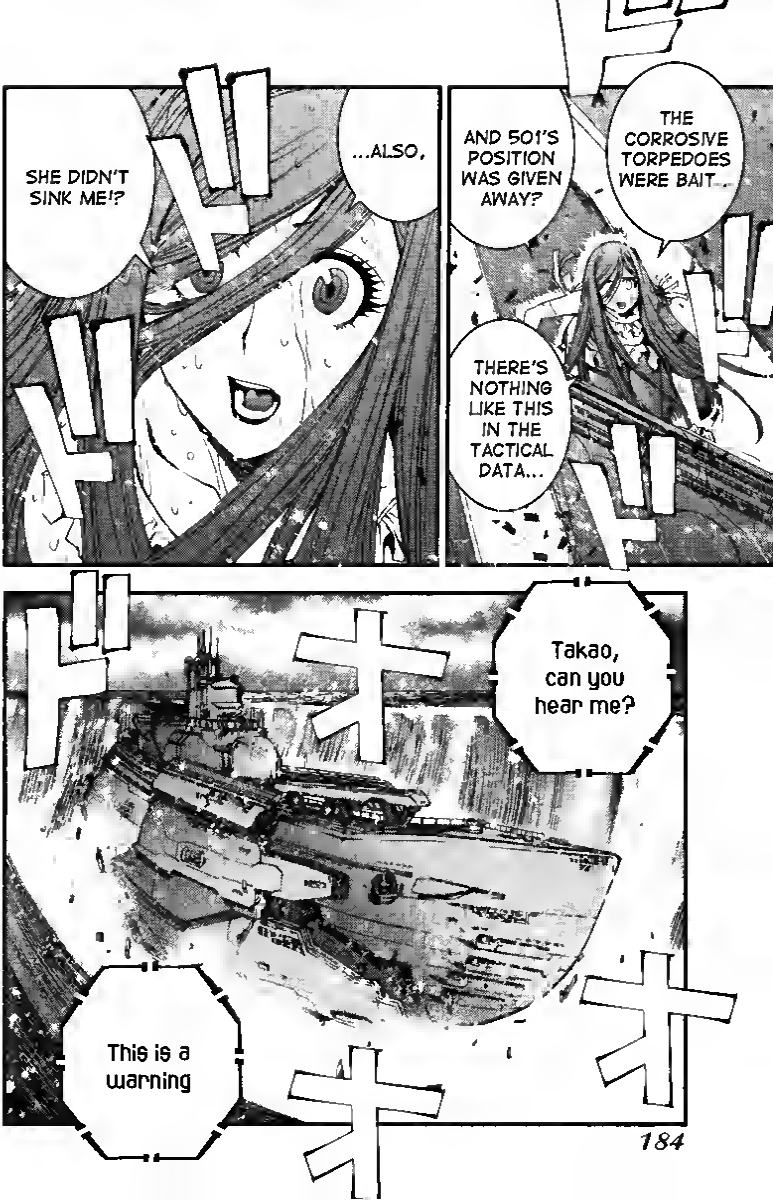
SHE DIDN'T SINK ME!?
...ALSO,
AND 501'S POSITION WAS GIVEN AWAY?
THE CORROSIVE TORPEDOES WERE BAIT...
THERE'S NOTHING LIKE THIS IN THE TACTICAL DATA...
Takao, can you hear me?
This is a warning

WITH OUR NEXT ATTACK
WE CAN SINK YOU
Turn off all facilities and follow our orders
...Repeat...
Turn off all facilities
and follow our orders
ARE YOU TELLING ME TO FOLLOW A SUBMARINE?
ARE YOU...

I...!
I...
TO TAKAO'S UNION CORE HAS BEEN RECEIVED
THE KEY CODE
PHEW~~

beep
beep
beep
.....
.....
EXCUSE ME
ガチャ
WE LOST TRACK OF THE 401... HER LOCATION IS UNKNOWN
THE FOG HEAVY CRUISER STATIONED OUTSIDE OF NAGOYA
IS NOW HEADING TOWARDS THE PACIFIC

GOOD
NO
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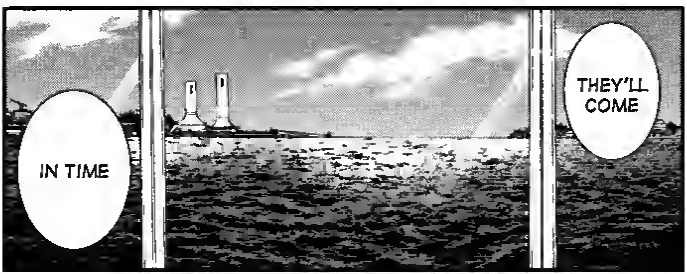
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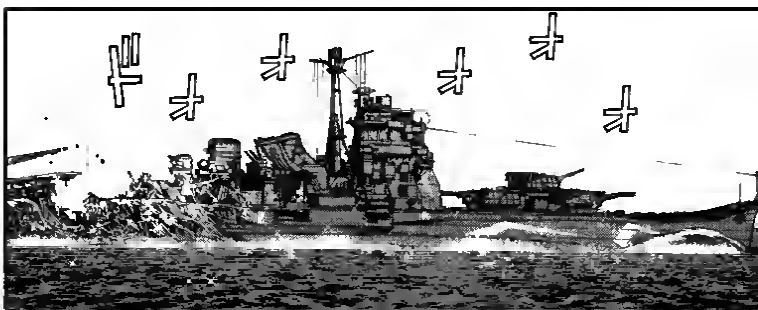
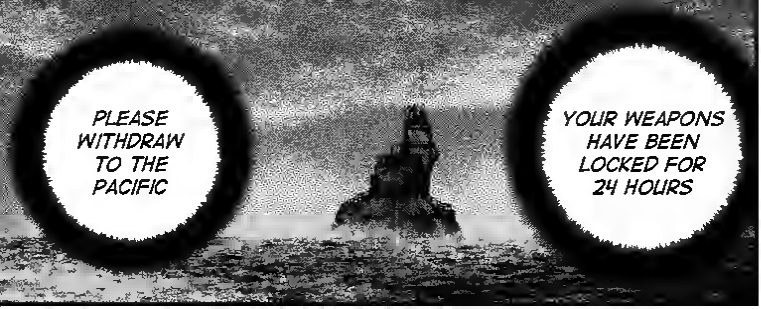
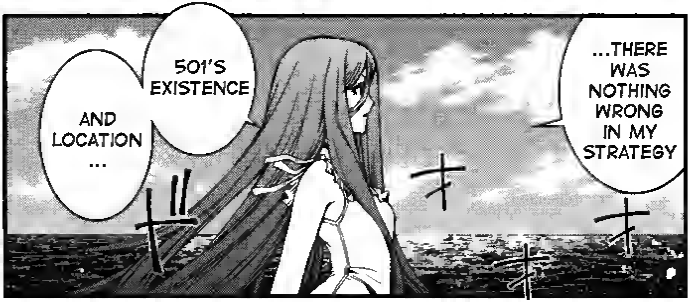
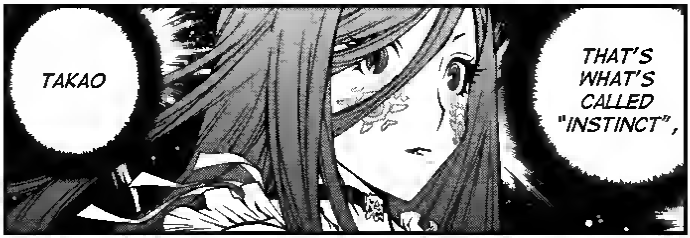
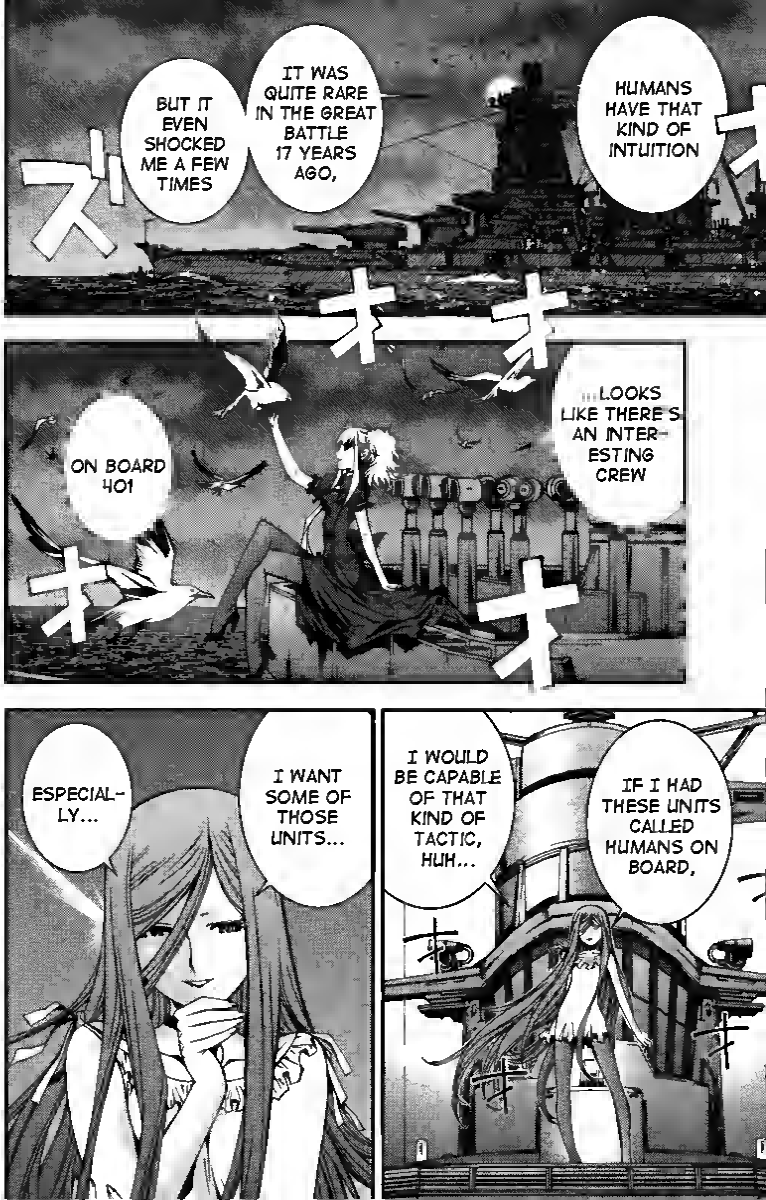



PLEASE WITHDRAW TO THE PACIFIC
YOUR WEAPONS HAVE BEEN LOCKED FOR 24 HOURS


501'S EXISTENCE AND LOCATION ...
...THERE WAS NOTHING WRONG IN MY STRATEGY

MY FIRST SHOT IN THE FIRST PLACE?
HOW DID SHE EVADE


TAKAO
THAT'S WHAT'S CALLED "INSTINCT",


HUMANS HAVE THAT KIND OF INTUITION
IT WAS QUITE RARE IN THE GREAT BATTLE 17 YEARS AGO,
BUT IT EVEN SHOCKED ME A FEW TIMES
ズキ
...LOOKS LIKE THERE'S AN INTER-ESTING CREW
ON BOARD 401
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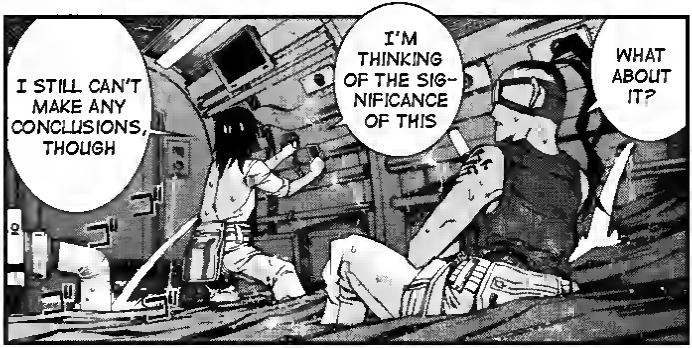
IF I HAD THESE UNITS CALLED HUMANS ON BOARD,
I WOULD BE CAPABLE OF THAT KIND OF TACTIC, HUH...
I WANT SOME OF THOSE UNITS...
ESPECIAL-LY...

THE UNITS ON BOARD 401
I WANT THEM...
HEY
WHY DID YOU SHOOT 501 INSTEAD OF TAKAO?
LEMME ASK YOU SOMETHING
IF TAKAO HAD FIRED BACK THEN, WE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO COUNTER HER
IT'S A GOOD THING THAT YOUR BLUFF WORKED..

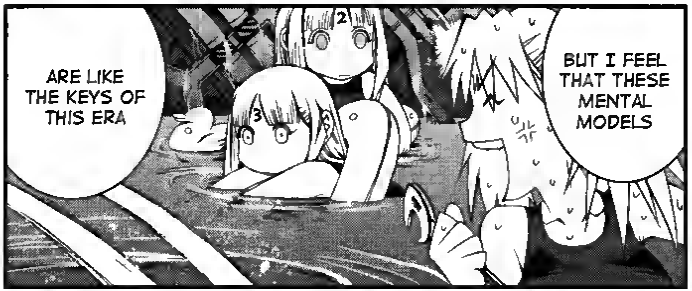
YOU KNOW... BACK WHEN WE FOUGHT HYUUGA,
THE ONLY MENTAL MODEL WE HAD SEEN WAS IONA,
BUT
IN THESE LAST FEW MONTHS, MANY OTHER MENTAL MODELS HAVE STARTED APPEARING ON OTHER SHIPS OF FOG


WHAT ABOUT IT?
I'M THINKING OF THE SIG-NIFICANCE OF THIS
I STILL CAN'T MAKE ANY CONCLUSIONS, THOUGH

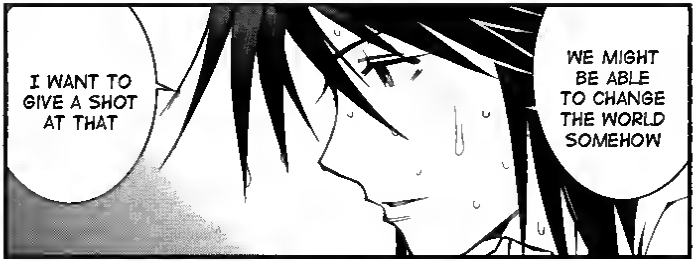
YEAH...LIKE, "IF WE COULD COMMUNICATE WITH IONA,
THEN COULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO DO SO WITH OTHER VESSELS AS WELL?"

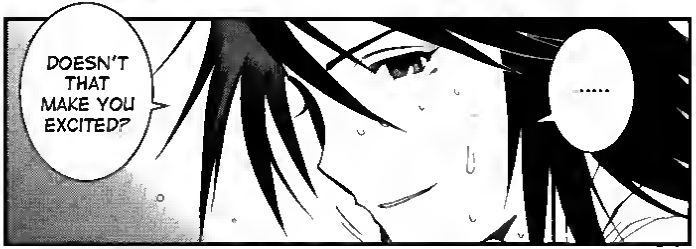
SIGNIFI-CANCE?

I'M NOT EXPECTING THAT,
THAT YOU'RE THINKING THAT WE'D BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER?
HEY, HEY, DON'T TELL ME


ARE LIKE THE KEYS OF THIS ERA
BUT I FEEL THAT THESE MENTAL MODELS

TO VARIOUS SITUATIONS LIKE THAT, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIND OUT SOMETHING ABOUT THEM
IF WE SUBJECT THESE GIRLS
STILL HASN'T BEEN RESOLVED, YOU KNOW?
THAT PROBLEM WITH IONA...


I WANT TO GIVE A SHOT AT THAT
WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO CHANGE THE WORLD SOMEHOW


DOESN'T THAT MAKE YOU EXCITED?
.....

IT'S QUITE
AN ABSURD STORY, HUH.
Depth.005／完

MARU-RI!
横須賀で
群像たちを
待っていたのは
What awaits Gunzou and crew at Yokosuka
HIBIKI
再会と
isa reunion
そして
新たな敵……
and a new enemy...
Who are they!?
その正体は!?

あとがき
AFTERWORD

Thank you for buying this book.
This is Ark Performance.

If you have never met us before, nice to meet you; otherwise, nice to see you again.
We're writing an afterword.
Ark Performance usually doesn't write an afterword.
Why? Perhaps it's because we usually almost go over the allowed maximum number of pages.
We have been given the honor of being sarcastically told by all of our different editors that being able to complete the volume just by putting the drafts into a template gives them less work to do.

That's why we don't know what to write in this. We're clearly inexperienced. However, we'll keep on going.

This is the first original work from Ark Performance in a while. How is "Arpeggio of Blue Steel"? We were accept the offer from the [Young King] Ours editing department about a year before this manga started its serialization. We were taken out to dinner every month to slowly discuss this manga, though we only ever ate rice. We get full and lethargic just by eating rice, which is how our editor caught us.

As each successive plan died away with the smile on our editor's face, we began to digest the food and regain our agility, but when we thought that it might be time to run away, our proposal was approved.

This manga started when an acquaintance with connections to the USFJ told us about "a torpedo that could completely revolutionize naval battles."

When we said, "'a torpedo that could blast through a path of bubbles made by itself at 250 knots with a rocket motor'? Doesn't that belong in outer space?", the professional soldier made a puzzled expression.

Its name is the "supercavitation torpedo."
Then, when we brought back this idea to him:
"It'll be too boring with just a new torpedo! That's right! Let's add beautiful girls! They'll fire these big torpedoes!" If Professor Jung and Mr. Freud had known of this, we would've gotten together to make it more obscene on our way to making finishing our plan.

We envision this as a "sci-fi nautical action adventure (with beautiful girls) (subject to change)." Please don't think that "these guys were so deeply immersed in Gundam in these past three years that they had a fit in reaction to all of the old guys and the drama...How pitiful."...That's not what happened at all. Really.

Then, please let us meet again
in the Ours magazine,
or in volume two.

Ark Performance

蒼海辞典
Dictionary of Blue Sea

【あ】

アクティヴソナー
能動的に発した音波の反射を感知・分析することで水中の物体の位置を探知するソナー。自ら音波を発するため、敵に発見される危険性がある。

アクティヴデコイ
自ら音波などを発信するデコイ。401のデコイは形状を模写して視覚的にも敵を欺く。

イ401
もとは霧の艦隊の潜水艦。現在は群像たちが乗り込み、霧の艦隊と戦っている。メンタルモデルはイオナ。

SSTO
宇宙空間を飛翔する、再利用可能な超音速輸送機。

音響魚雷(おんきょうぎょらい)
水中に爆音を轟かせ、一時的にソナーによる探知を不可能にする攪乱兵器。

戦艦(せんかん)
大口径の砲門を兵装した最大級の軍艦。霧の艦隊では、「ヒュウガ」「コンゴウ」「ナガト」が戦艦にあたる。

早期警戒艦(そうきけいかいかん)
強力なレーダーやセンサーを搭載して警戒任務を専門に行う艦艇。ピケット艦とも呼ばれる。

【た】

大海戦(だいかいせん)
17年前、人類と霧の艦隊との間で行われた海戦。人類は、敵の未知の技術による超兵器の前になすすべなく敗れ去った。

タナトニウム
霧の艦隊の兵器やエネルギーの源。人類にとっては未知の物質。常に自壊しており、重力子を放出している。

【か】

旗艦(きかん)
艦隊の軍事行動を指揮する司令艦。

強制波動装甲(きょうせいはどうそうこう)
ナノレベルの材質によって構成された超常装甲。物理攻撃によるエネルギーを分散・吸収することで防御する。吸収したエネルギーはリサイクル利用や船外に放出することで消費される。

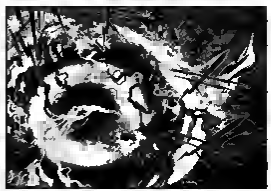
霧の艦隊(きりのかんたい)
地球温暖化による海面上昇で縮図を余儀なくされた人類の前に、突如現れた謎の艦隊。船体の形状などは旧大戦時における同名の艦艇を模しているが、兵装などは全く異なる。

軽巡洋艦(けいじゅんようかん)
重巡洋艦よりも小型・軽量の軍艦。霧の艦隊では「ナガラ」が軽巡洋艦にあたる。

【さ】

重巡洋艦(じゅうじゅんようかん)
多数の砲門と魚雷発射管を搭載した軍艦。火力は戦艦よりも劣るが、機動性に優れる。霧の艦隊では「タカオ」が重巡洋艦にあたる。

侵蝕魚雷(しんしょくぎょらい)
霧の艦隊にダメージを与えることができる超兵器。



振動弾頭(しんどうだんとう)
人類が開発した霧の艦隊に唯一対抗できる新兵器。サンプル一式を受け取るため、イ401とともに群像たちが横須賀に向かうことになった。

超重力砲(ちょうじゅうりょくほう)
原理的には重力子を利用した侵蝕魚雷と同様の兵器。侵蝕魚雷よりも大規模かつ広範囲に重力波を展開する。

東洋方面巡航艦隊(とうようほうめんじゅんこうかんたい)
日本近海を監視している霧の艦隊の巡航部隊。もともとは第一～第三艦隊まで存在していたが、旗艦ヒュウガがイ401に撃沈され第二艦隊が消滅。その後、旗艦コンゴウの第一艦隊と、旗艦ナガトの第二艦隊に再編成された。

【は】

パッシヴソナー
高感度のマイクで周囲の艦船が発する航行音などを拾い位置を探知するセンサー。アクティヴソナーのように自ら音を発しないため隠密性は高いが、精度は落ちる。

パッシヴデコイ
音波やレーダー波を反射して敵のセンサーを攪乱するデコイ。

分散冒頭・東京(ぶんさんしゅととうきょう)
海面に浸食され、さらに霧の艦隊によって分断させられた日本の首都。政治の中心地は東京議会場。

【ま～ら】

メンタルモデル
イ401と霧の艦隊の重巡洋艦以上の艦艇のみ有する人型の意識体。各艦ごとに固有の意思を持ち、メンタルモデル同士で意思疎通を図ることが可能。

ユニオンコア
イ401や霧の艦艇の特徴を決定づけている演算処理機能の中枢。艦の規模が大きいほど、格納できる情報量も多く処理速度も速い。

量子通信網(りょうしつうしんもう)
量子力学を応用した通信ネットワーク。量子力学を通信媒体に利用することで、電波よりも高速かつ大容量の通信が可能となり、ハッキングされづらいというメリットがある。

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Dictionary of the Blue Sea

Active Decoys: Decoys that send out their own sound waves. It also looks like the I-401, which can fool the enemy visually.

Battleship: The largest class of ships, equipped with large cannons. "Hyuuga", "Kongou", and "Nagato" are all battleships of the Fleet of Fog

Active Sonar: Detects and analyzes the echoes of sound waves that it actively sends out in order to find out the position of objects in water. Since it also projects the ship's sound waves, enemies may also detect the ship with them.

Corrosive Torpedoes: Superweapon that can damage the Ships of Fog. Corrodes the surrounding space with gravitational waves, and freezes and destroys the elements of the material in that space. Cannot be produced or reproduced by humans.

Decentralized Capital - Tokyo: Japan's capital, which was flooded by the rising sea levels and split by the Fleet of Fog. Its political center is the Tokyo Diet Building.

Flagship: Command ship that coordinates the fleet

Fleet of Fog: Mysterious fleet that appeared in front of humans, who were also facing shrinking land mass from global warming. Their ships are similar to the ships of the same names in World War II, but their weapons are different.

Great Battle, The: The naval battle that occurred between the humans and the Fleet of Fog 17 years ago. The humans lost to the Fleet of Fog's mysterious superweapons.

Heavy Cruiser: Ship that has many cannons and torpedo tubes. Its firepower is below that of a battleship, but it has better mobility. "Takao" is a heavy cruiser of the Fleet of Fog

I-401: Former Fleet of Fog Submarine. Currently fighting the Fleet of Fog with Gunzou and crew.

Light Cruiser: Ship that is even smaller and lighter than heavy cruisers. "Nagara" is a light cruiser of the Fleet of Fog.

Mental Model: Anthropomorphic consciousness of I-401 and Ships of Fog above heavy cruiser. Each ship has a characteristic consciousness, and they can communicate with each other.

Oriental Fleet: Fleet that patrols the seas near Japan. There were once three of these fleets, but the Second Fleet was disbanded after I-401 sank its flagship, Hyuuga. After that, it was split into two fleets, with Kongou in charge of the First Fleet and Nagato in charge of the Second Fleet

Passive Decoy: Decoy that reflects back sound and radar waves in order to confuse the enemy.

Passive Sonar: Sensor that uses a highly sensitive microphone to pick up sounds generated by other ships when they move to detect their position. It doesn't send out its own waves like the active sonar, so its stealth is high, but its sensitivity is low.

Picket Ship: Ship specialized for carrying out patrol missions with high-powered radars and sensors.

Quantum Communication Network: Communication network that uses quantum physics. Its use of quanta makes it faster and harder to crack than electromagnetic waves.

Sonar Torpedoes: Detonates in water to create an explosion sound that overwhelms and confuses sonar detectors.

SSTO: Reusable supersonic transporters that fly out to space

Supergravitation Cannon: A weapon that uses gravitons like the corrosive torpedoes. Fires bigger gravitational waves

Thanatonium: Powers the Fleet of Fog and their weapons. Material unknown to mankind. It usually decomposes by itself to create gravitons.

Union Core: The nucleus of I-401 and the Ships of Fog, which operates the ships, makes decisions, and gives them personality. The bigger the ship is, the more storage space and processing power it has

Vibration Warhead: The only weapon developed by the humans that can fight the Fleet of Fog. Gunzou and crew are heading to Yokosuka in I-401 to receive a sample

Wave Force Armor: Super armor created with nanomaterials. Defends by dispersing and absorb energy from physical attacks. It can recycle and release the absorbed energy.

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Humanity didn't have the technology to fight such a fleet, so they were driven out of the sea...
Seventeen years after the battle, for some reason, Gunzou Chihaya and his crewmates aboard the I-401 and the personification (Mental Model) of the I-401, Iona, started fighting the Fleet of Fog .

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突然、世界各地に「霧の艦隊」と言われる謎の超兵器を搭載した戦艦群が出現。
人類はその艦隊になす術無く敗戦し、海上に出る事が出来なくなった。
その海戦から17年後、何故か「霧」の潜水艦I401に乗り込んだ千早群像とその仲間達は、I401の人体化（メンタルモデル）のイオナと共に、霧の艦隊に戦いを挑む。

[I-401's Battle Log 01]

[Depth 001]
Fought the "Fleet of Fog" Nagara-class light cruiser Nagara outside of Kashima City.
Sank Nagara.

[Depth 002]
Departed towards the Military Command's base in Yokosuka, Kanagawa.

[Depth 003]
Clashed with the "Fleet of Fog" heavy cruiser Takao outside of Nagoya. Takao's superheavy cannon attack makes the situation dagerous.

[Depth 004]
Fighting with Takao. Gunzou Chihaya detects the presence of another ship (cruise submarine 501). Starts a counterplan.

[Depth 005]
Sinks the 501 with the supergravitation cannon. Wins over Takao. Set sail for Yokosuka again.

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